

**2016 Talking Book Center  
Adult Winter Reading Program**

# **I Cannot Live Without Books:** Celebrating the Joy of Reading and the 85th Anniversary of the Talking Book Program!



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**Talking Book Library**

**Serving the Print Impaired\***

In 1931, the Library of Congress was authorized to create a library program providing books to the blind. North Dakota began offering talking books in 1995. The following selection of books explores significant events and births in 1931 as well as the era of the 1930s.

## **Historic Feats and Prominent People of 1931**

### **Empire State Building Completed**

**DB 67062**

#### **Nearest Thing to Heaven: the Empire State Building and American Dreams by Mark Kingwell**

Philosophy professor and Harper's contributing editor reflects on New York City's Empire State Building, which, once completed in 1931, stood as the world's tallest building for four decades. Discusses its conceptualization and construction; its representation in art, film, and literature; and its importance as an architectural and cultural icon.

### **Work Begins on the Hoover Dam**

**DB 72792**

#### **Colossus: Hoover Dam and the Making of the American Century by Michael Hiltzik**

Pulitzer Prize winner examines the 1931-1935 Depression-era construction of the Hoover Dam, which tamed the Colorado River and created Lake Mead. Describes the technical problems, labor practices, and personalities involved during the planning and building stages. Discusses the project's impact on the West.

**"The Star-Spangled Banner" was officially adopted as the national anthem of the United States of America by President Hoover.**

**DB 53453**

#### **The Flag, the Poet, and the Song: the Story of the Star-Spangled Banner by Irvin Molotsky**

Relates the history of the United States flag, how it inspired the poem written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key, and how the poem was set to music and later adopted as the national anthem. Discusses the myths and facts surrounding these events.

## **Happy Birthday!**

### **Notable People Born in 1931**

**DB 31998**

**Gorbachev: Heretic in the Kremlin**

**by Dusko Doder and Louise Branson**

Two journalists, until recently Moscow correspondents for the Washington Post and the Sunday Times of London, present an account of Mikhail Gorbachev's life and leadership-exposing both his strengths and his weaknesses. They describe a paradox in which he apparently has accumulated power for the purpose of relinquishing it. Bestseller.

**DB 44460**

**Eva Perón**

**by Alicia Dujovne Ortiz**

Born poor and illegitimate, Eva Peron reinvented herself as an actress and eventually as the wife of Argentine dictator Juan Peron. By her death in 1952, she was both revered as a saint and vilified as a fascist. Ortiz uses testimony from people who knew Eva and declassified government documents to explore the woman behind the image.

**DB 51138**

**Angels along the Way: My Life with Help From Above**

**by Della Reese**

Autobiography by the singer, television actress, and devout, lifelong Christian. Born Deloreese Patricia Early in a Detroit ghetto, she describes her childhood and early career as a gospel singer and offers gratitude to the "angels" who helped her throughout her life, both professionally and personally. Some strong language.

**DB 58851**

**Ask Me Again Tomorrow: A Life in Progress**

**by Olympia Dukakis**

Academy Award-winning actress, director, and producer looks back on her life and decades-long career. Dukakis, a first generation Greek American born in 1931, discusses balancing two cultures and defying ethnic and gender bias to succeed, most notably in her breakout Moonstruck role, for which she won an Oscar in 1988. 2003.

**DB 64251****Incurable Blues: the Troubles and Triumph of Blues Legend Hubert Sumlin  
by Will Romano**

An authorized biography of Chicago blues guitarist Hubert Sumlin (born 1931), focusing on his musicianship and career. Discusses his work with Chester "Howlin' Wolf" Burnett and Muddy Waters among others. Examines his perseverance through alcoholism, cancer, and professional difficulties to influence another generation of master guitarists. Some strong language.

**DB 65113****The Prince of Darkness: 50 Years Reporting in Washington  
by Robert D. Novak**

Syndicated columnist and television pundit Robert Novak, self-dubbed "the prince of darkness," recalls five decades of political reporting in Washington, D.C. Highlights his conversion to Catholicism, gradual shift to conservatism, relationships with U.S. presidents from Eisenhower to George W. Bush, and 2003 outing of CIA employee Valerie Plame. Bestseller.

**DB 67034****Up Till Now: the Autobiography  
by William Shatner**

Shatner reminisces about his life and acting career, poking fun at his own experiences. Describes playing Captain Kirk in the Star Trek series and starring in shows such as Boston Legal. Details his personal successes and tragedies, including the accidental death of his wife Narine. Some strong language.

**DB 68658****The Genius: How Bill Walsh Reinvented Football and Created an NFL Dynasty  
by David Harris**

Author uses first-person interviews to portray the career of San Francisco 49ers football coach Bill Walsh (1931-2007). Details Walsh's 1979 hiring by team owner Edward DeBartolo, the coach's invention of the "West Coast offense," and his college-draft selections, including Joe Montana. Some strong language.

**DB 70550****Thank Heaven: a Memoir  
by Leslie Caron**

Autobiography of actress Leslie Caron, born in France in 1931. Caron reminisces about her wealthy upbringing, the war years, and her early work as a ballerina before describing her decades-long career as a Hollywood actress. Includes details of Caron's intimate relationships and struggle with alcoholism and depression.

**DB 70896**

**Willie Mays: the Life, the Legend**

**by James S. Hirsch**

Authorized biography of baseball outfielder Willie Mays, born in 1931 Alabama. Follows Mays from the Negro Leagues to the New York Mets. Highlights Mays's best games, including his astonishing catch when playing for the Giants in the 1954 World Series. Discusses his personal life and baseball's racial integration. Bestseller.

**DB 71990**

**The Last Boy: Mickey Mantle and the End of America's Childhood**

**by Jane Leavy**

The author of *Sandy Koufax* (DB 54935) details twenty pivotal days in the life of New York Yankees slugger Mickey Mantle (1931-1995). Includes her own 1983 interview with "The Mick" and reminiscences of five hundred others to portray Mantle's remarkable talent and personal demons. Strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 73428**

**Jeannie Out of the Bottle**

**by Barbara Eden**

Actress Barbara Eden reminisces about her career, from her early days as a Hollywood contract player and chorus girl to her starring role on the 1960s television comedy *I Dream of Jeannie*, which brought her fame. Discusses her costars and family life.

**DB 74074**

**How I Got This Way**

**by Regis Philbin**

Memoir of talk-show host Regis Philbin (born 1931) recalls his climb to fame, including his stint on *The Joey Bishop Show*. Shares anecdotes about famous guests and their influence on him. Highlights working with morning cohosts Kathie Lee Gifford and Kelly Ripa. Foreword by Dave Letterman. Bestseller.

**DB 76171**

**The Three of Us: Growing Up with Tammy and George**

**by Georgette Jones**

Memoir by the only child of country-western singer/songwriters Tammy Wynette and George Jones. Georgette, born in 1970, chronicles her parent's relationship, including their careers, divorce, and subsequent remarriages. Recalls Tammy's death in 1998 and discusses her own path and pursuit of a singing career.

**DB 77285**

**Rita Moreno: a Memoir**

**by Rita Moreno**

Eighty-two-year-old Hispanic recipient of Oscar, Tony, Emmy, and Grammy awards reflects on her life. Describes moving to New York with her Puerto Rican single mother and breaking into acting as a teen. Discusses her two great loves--Brando and her husband--and parenthood. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

## **Authors Born in 1931 and Their Works**

### **Donald Barthelme**

**DB 69880**

**Hiding Man: a Biography of Donald Barthelme**

**by Tracy Daugherty**

Biography of twentieth-century author Donald Barthelme (1931-1989), son of a Houston architect, whose brothers Frederick and Steven also became writers. Discusses Barthelme's personal life, including four marriages, alcoholism, and depression; and literary life--he became well-known for short stories published in the New Yorker and for "literary politicking" in PEN.

**DB 71096**

**Forty Stories**

**by Donald Barthelme**

Collection of short fiction by postmodernist Donald Barthelme (1931-1989). Contains "Porcupines at the University" and "Some of Us Had Been Threatening Our Friend Colby," recommended in the 2005 introduction by Dave Eggers.

### **Clive Cussler**

**DB 68120**

**Arctic Drift: A Dirk Pitt Novel**

**by Clive Cussler**

Boaters mysteriously die in British Columbia, an explosion targets a scientist with a global-warming remedy, and U.S.-Canadian tensions rise. National Underwater and Marine Agency's Dirk Pitt and his offspring link the incidents to a long-ago arctic expedition and a present-day plot to exacerbate America's energy crisis.

**DB 80840**

**The Assassin: Isaac Bell Adventure  
by Clive Cussler**

As Van Dorn private detective Isaac Bell strives to land a government contract to investigate John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil monopoly, the case takes a deadly turn. A sniper begins murdering opponents of Standard Oil, which sends Bell on a cross-country manhunt. Unrated.

**DB 69719**

**Spartan Gold: Fargo Adventure  
by Clive Cussler**

Treasure-hunting couple Sam and Remi Fargo discover a World War II-era midget torpedo submarine in a Maryland swamp. Inside the craft they spot one of Napoleon Bonaparte's rare bottles of wine and begin searching for the entire collection--but they are not the only ones interested in finding it. Bestseller.

**DB 73147**

**The Jungle: a Novel of the Oregon Files  
by Clive Cussler**

A powerful thirteenth-century weapon called the Dragon's Stare falls into the hands of a man intent on using it to bring down the U.S. government. Ex-CIA operative Juan Cabrillo and his crew on the Oregon race to foil the plot. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller.

**E. L. Doctorow**

**DB 60676**

**The March: a Novel  
by E.L. Doctorow**

This Civil War saga portrays the complex nature of General William Tecumseh Sherman as he leads Union troops through Georgia and the Carolinas. Describes the carnage and destruction that occur as well as the tender feelings that arise as the soldiers proceed. Commercial audiobook. Descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language.

**DB 69642**

**Homer & Langley: a Novel  
by E.L. Doctorow**

Homer Collyer, the blind brother, and his older brother Langley, a WWI mustard-gas victim, become recluses in their Fifth Avenue brownstone, hoarding newspapers and collecting odd things--a model T Ford, typewriters, and surplus Army supplies--until they become imprisoned by their vast accumulations. Bestseller.

**DB 74107**

**All the Time in the World: New and Selected Stories**

**by E.L. Doctorow**

A dozen stories set in urban and suburban locales, modern and historical, where protagonists are at odds with their environment. In the title piece, a runner in a big city envisions the wilds of Mongolia. Some strong language.

**DB 78414**

**Andrew's Brain: a Novel**

**by E.L. Doctorow**

Andrew, a cognitive scientist, recites the details of his life to Doc, a psychologist. Andrew reflects on his life and failings as a husband and father and questions if he has failed as a human being. Some descriptions of sex.

**William Goldman**

**DB 23285**

**Heat**

**by William Goldman**

Off-beat detective Nick Escalante, a master handler of knives and edged weapons, faces the seamy underside of Las Vegas where he works for friends and clients as investigator, bodyguard, or avenger. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 58817**

**The Princess Bride: S. Morgenstern's Classic Tale of True Love and High Adventure: the "Good Parts" Version**

**by William Goldman**

The most beautiful woman in the world falls in love with Westley, the perfect man. Their pending romance, however, is interrupted by fate and the wicked prince Humperdinck, ruler of Florin. Thirtieth anniversary edition of the classic fairy tale spoof features a 2003 introduction.

**John Le Carré**

**DB 67864**

**A Most Wanted Man: a Novel**

**by John Le Carré**

Issa Karpov, a Chechen Muslim who has entered Germany illegally, uses human rights lawyer Annabel Richter to obtain his late father's millions from a shady British bank. Meanwhile the English, German, and American intelligence agencies all pursue Issa. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller.



**DB 71938**

**Our Kind of Traitor**

**by John Le Carré**

After teacher Perry Makepiece and his lawyer girlfriend Gail Perkins meet Russian money launderer Dmitri "Dima" Krasnov at an Antigua tennis resort, Dima asks for help defecting. British agents Hector Meredith and Luke Weaver get the case, and all players reunite in Paris. Strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 76871**

**A Delicate Truth**

**by John Le Carré**

A British government employee is knighted for his part in an anti-terrorism operation in Gibraltar. But three years later he and the secretary to the member of Parliament, who orchestrated the mission, find evidence of a cover-up and investigate. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller.

**John McPhee**

**DB 63727**

**Uncommon Carriers**

**by John McPhee**

New Yorker staff writer recounts travels with people who transport freight: riding coast-to-coast with an eighteen-wheel truck driver, cruising the Illinois River with a towboat pilot, and crossing the Midwest with a coal train conductor. Discusses a French sea captain school, lobster shipments, UPS delivery, and his companions' viewpoints.

**DB 75296**

**Silk Parachute**

**by John McPhee**

Ten essays by Pulitzer Prize-winner McPhee on a range of topics, including autobiographical reminiscences, examinations of various sports, and dinosaur-extinction theories, as discussed with his seven-year-old granddaughter.

**Toni Morrison**

**DB 57353**

**Love**

**by Toni Morrison**

Even after the death of seaside resort owner Bill Cooley, his women--widow Heed, granddaughter Christine, and mistress Celestial--continue their feuds. These members of the town's African American former elite reminisce about the man they loved and hated. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

**DB 69148**

**A Mercy**

**by Toni Morrison**

Colonial North America, 1680s. An Anglo-Dutch trader reluctantly accepts a young slave girl named Florens as payment for a bad debt. Her mother hopes the transaction will prove a mercy to Florens, but subsequent years in Jacob Vaark's household reveal the harsh reality of being under another's dominion. Some violence. Bestseller.

**DB 74782**

**Home**

**by Toni Morrison**

1950s. African American Frank Money, a Korean War veteran suffering from stress and alcoholism, leaves a Seattle mental hospital after learning that his sister Cee is gravely ill. Frank rescues Cee, taking her home to rural Georgia so that they may both heal. Violence and some strong language.

**DB 81605**

**God Help the Child: a Novel**

**by Toni Morrison**

Bride, who was rejected by her light-skinned mother when she was born for being too black, has made her life into one that many envy. She has her own company, a fortune, and a lover. Dark secrets from the past are coming home to roost, however. Unrated.

### **Alice Munro**

**DB 69954**

**Too Much Happiness: Stories**

**by Alice Munro**

Ten short stories about family and relationships by Canadian author and winner of the 2009 Man Booker International Prize. The title piece imagines the professional and personal life of late-nineteenth-century Russian mathematician Sophia Kovalevsky. Some strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 72489**

**Carried Away: a Selection of Stories**

**by Alice Munro**

Seventeen short stories written by the award-winning Canadian author between 1968 and 2004. The first two, "Royal Beatings" and "The Beggar Maid," feature working-class Rose, who leaves her small town on a college scholarship. Foreword by Margaret Atwood. Some strong language.

**DB 75831**

**Dear Life: Stories**

**by Alice Munro**

Fourteen short stories by Man Booker International Prize-winner Munro, including four semi-autobiographic tales set in Ontario. In "Train" a war veteran returns and moves in with an older farm woman for decades. In "Haven" a young teenager lives with relatives while her parents teach abroad. Bestseller.

**DB 80546**

**Family Furnishings: Selected stories, 1995-2014**

**by Alice Munro**

Twenty-four short stories from Nobel Prize winner. "The Bear Came Over the Mountain" features a man who had cheated on his wife through their marriage and is now doing his best to care for her as her memory fails. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

### **Dan Rather**

**DB 48860**

**Deadlines and Datelines**

**by Dan Rather**

Nearly one hundred essays collected from Rather's daily newspaper columns and radio programs, known as "Dan Rather Reporting." From the serious to the lighthearted, his articles cover news items in America and abroad, politics, and the Washington scene. Includes tributes to such people as his grandmother, Princess Diana, and Mickey Mantle. Bestseller.

**DB 76694**

**Rather Outspoken: My Life in the News**

**by Dan Rather**

Journalist Dan Rather reminisces about his sixty years as a reporter and the people he worked with and interviewed. Discusses his dismissal from CBS--after forty-four years--and claims the free press and broadcast news have become too intertwined with political and corporate interests.

## Trevanian

**DB 48968**

**Incident at Twenty Mile  
by Trevanian**

In 1898 Matthew, an enigmatic young man, walks into Twenty-Mile, a railway stop of fifteen residents. He cons his way into odd jobs and lives in the marshal's empty office. When three escaped convicts--all sadistic lunatics--occupy the town, Matthew rises to the occasion. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 74476**

**The Eiger Sanction: a Novel  
by Trevanian**

Art professor and government assassin Jonathan Hemlock, who kills to pay for his black-market art collection, takes on a final assignment that involves scaling the Eiger in the Swiss Alps. Basis for 1975 Clint Eastwood movie. Violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex.

## Desmond Tutu

**DB 51706**

**No Future Without Forgiveness  
by Desmond Mpilo Tutu**

Nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond Tutu, retired Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa, discusses the importance of probing his nation's past, including misdeeds committed under apartheid. Reflects on his life and the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the 1990s; advocates a policy of combined remembrance and forgiveness.

**DB 79101**

**The Book of Forgiving: the Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World  
by Desmond M. Tutu and Mpho A. Tutu**

Nobel Peace Prize laureate and his daughter, both Anglican priests, discuss the process and benefits of forgiving. Contrasts the revenge cycle versus the forgiveness cycle. Includes meditations, rituals, and exercises to assist the reader.

## Fay Weldon

**DB 54387**

**The Bulgari Connection: a Novel  
by Fay Weldon**

Doris, the young and greedy second wife of British millionaire Barley Salt, becomes obsessed with a Bulgari necklace and the good fortune of Salt's first wife, Grace. Doris desperately attempts to own the necklace and ruin Grace's life in the process.

**DB 76069**

**Habits of the House  
by Fay Weldon**

London, 1899. Eric Baum is the Earl of Dilberne's new financial advisor and lawyer. Baum and his wife crave society's acceptance--and the financial and social tribulations of the Dilberne family may be the key to getting it. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

## Gene Wolfe

**DB 60301**

**The Knight  
by Gene Wolfe**

An American boy wanders from a forest cabin and is transported to a magical realm where he finds himself in the body of a grown man. Renamed Able of the High Heart, he undertakes a quest to obtain a dragon's special sword that will help him become a knight.

**DB 72746**

**The Sorcerer's House  
by Gene Wolfe**

New parolee Baxter Dunn is surprised to discover his name on the deed of a large, mysterious old home. The former owner, Mr. Black, was a sorcerer, so the house exposes Baxter to fantastical wonders and mythical creatures. Some strong language.

## Tom Wolfe

**DB 53223**

**Hooking Up  
by Tom Wolfe**

Collection of essays on a wide range of cultural topics and the novella "Ambush at Fort Bragg." In "My Three Stooges," Wolfe retaliates against hostile reviews of his novel *A Man in Full* (DB 47041). In "Hooking Up," America at the turn of the millennium is observed.

**DB 75774**

**Back to Blood: a Novel**

**by Tom Wolfe**

Miami. Cop Nestor Camacho faces controversy after he rescues--and then arrests--a Cuban seeking asylum. Nestor also unravels fraud at a new art museum, meets a beautiful Haitian college student, investigates school violence, and deals with Russians and New Yorkers. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

## **The 1930s**

**It was the worst of times, thanks to the Great Depression, but also the best of times, thanks to amazing advancements in aviation, radio and film!**

**DB 45992: a Novel**

**Shiloh Autumn**

**by Bodie & Brock Thoene**

To the Tuckers and other cotton farmers of Shiloh, Arkansas, the 1929 stock market crash was a remote event that seemed unrelated to their way of life. Then the cotton market collapses in 1931, causing the Tuckers to lose their farm and brave an arduous trek in search of a new life in California.

**DB 54721: a Novel**

**Raiders of Spanish Peaks**

**by Zane Grey**

Hoping the climate will be better for his health, John Lindsay buys a ranch and moves his family out west to Colorado. But when they arrive, they find they actually own a deserted military post where ranchers and cattle rustlers battle for control of the land. Some strong language.

**DB 60882**

**Skyscraper: a Novel**

**by Faith Baldwin**

Twenty-two-year-old Lynn Harding is a modern girl of the 1930s who works in an office to support herself during the depression. Sharing an apartment and enjoying New York's entertainments, Lynn is no hurry to marry. When she falls in love she has tough choices to make.

**DB 62175**

**Train from Marietta: a Novel**

**by Dorothy Garlock**

Texas, 1933. A nefarious businessman abducts nurse Kate Tyler as she is traveling to San Francisco. Kate's wealthy father hires rancher Tate Castle to get her back, and the two fall in love despite their differences. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language.

**DB 65887**

**A Week from Sunday: a Novel**

**by Dorothy Garlock**

Louisiana, 1935. Lawyer Richard Pope controls Adrianna Moore's inheritance but will share it--if she marries him. Adrianna flees and crashes her car into Quinn Baxter's truck. She agrees to help Quinn with his disabled brother, then falls in love. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence.

**DB 66754**

**The Supermob: How Sidney Korshak and his Criminal Associates Became America's Hidden Power Brokers**

**by Gus Russo**

Asserts that the Supermob--capitalists who covertly fronted for organized crime--influenced the U.S. economy from the 1930s through the 1980s. Focuses on Chicago-born Jewish attorney Sidney "the Fixer" Korshak, who allegedly brokered Hollywood and Mafia deals involving casino monopolies and land seized from interned Japanese Americans. Violence and strong language.

**DB 66807**

**The Forgotten Man: a New History of the Great Depression**

**by Amity Shlaes**

Economics reporter analyzes the Great Depression era in the United States and posits that federal intervention in the economy lengthened its duration. Considers economic plans from members of Franklin Roosevelt's brain trust and alternate solutions of outsiders such as African American Father Divine and Alcoholics Anonymous founder Bill Wilson.

**DB 67031**

**The Spies of Warsaw: a Novel**

**by Alan Furst**

Warsaw, 1937. Colonel Jean-Fran ois Mercier, French military attach   to Poland, spends his time socializing and recruiting spies. Mercier alerts his superiors to the threat of Nazi invasion but is ignored. Meanwhile he falls in love and rescues an agent. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 67114**

**Messenger of Truth: a Maisie Dobbs Novel**

**by Jacqueline Winspear**

England, 1930s. Artist and WWI veteran Nick Bassington-Hope falls to his death from a scaffold while preparing for his gallery opening. Nick's twin sister, Georgina, hires Maisie Dobbs to prove he was murdered. Maisie discovers that Nick's masterpiece is missing and she searches for clues among her client's relatives.

**DB 67834**

**Birds of a Feather: a Maisie Dobbs Novel**

**by Jacqueline Winspear**

London, 1930s. Wealthy Joseph Waite hires private investigator Maisie Dobbs, a former battlefield nurse, to locate his missing thirty-two-year-old daughter, Charlotte. Maisie finds chilling links to Scotland Yard inspector Stratton's latest murder case and the Great War's terrible legacy.

**DB 68182**

**Orient Express: An Entertainment**

**by Graham Greene**

The lives of several passengers aboard the Orient Express become intertwined on a three-day journey from Ostend to Constantinople. Characters include an English chorus girl, a rich Jewish businessman, a spiteful journalist, a mysterious doctor, and a murderous burglar. Includes 2004 introduction by Christopher Hitchens.

**DB 68183**

**Hello, Everybody!: the Dawn of American Radio**

**by Anthony Rudel**

This social history of the birth of the radio industry recalls events, broadcasters, and personalities that transformed communications in the United States from the 1920s, through the Great Depression, and into the 1940s. Traces the growth of programs that changed entertainment, journalism, politics, religion, and sports.

**DB 68645**

**Nothing to Fear: FDR's Inner Circle and the Hundred Days that Created Modern America**

**by Adam Cohen**

Chronicles President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's first months in office beginning on March 4, 1933. Describes the relief programs presidential advisors Raymond Moley, Lewis Douglas, Henry Wallace, Harry Hopkins, and Frances Perkins established to alleviate effects of the economic depression of 1929, and examines the resulting transformations in national philosophy.



**DB 68741**

**Soul of a People: the WPA Writers' Project Uncovers Depression America**

**by David Taylor**

History of the 1930s Federal Writers' Project, which employed writers to compile state guidebooks by interviewing local citizenry. Describes workers' experiences with the program and their consequent ability to escape Depression-era poverty. Includes samples from John Cheever, Ralph Ellison, Zora Neale Hurston, Richard Wright, and others. Some strong language.

**DB 68769**

**Anything Goes: a Grace and Favor Mystery**

**by Jill Churchill**

New York, 1931. Following the 1929 stock market crash, siblings Lily and Robert Brewster unexpectedly inherit the Hudson River Valley estate of their great-uncle Horatio. Lily and Robert move into the mansion--name it Grace and Favor Cottage--and discover that Horatio's recent boating death may not have been an accident.

**DB 68787**

**In the Still of the Night: A Grace and Favor Mystery**

**by Jill Churchill**

New York State, 1932. Lily Brewster and her brother Robert decide to make money at Grace and Favor Cottage--the estate bequeathed to them by their great-uncle--by hosting parties where paying guests can hobnob with celebrities. Their first attempt, however, is marred by the murder of one rather unwelcome reveler.

**DB 68945**

**The Defining Moment: FDR's Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope**

**by Jonathan Alter**

Concentrates on the beginning of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's presidency in 1933 (the "Hundred Days"), when federal legislation was implemented to provide immediate relief from the effects of the Great Depression. Details the programs that were launched, including Social Security, and the failure to implement others, including universal healthcare.

**DB 69160**

**Shanghai Girls: a Novel**

**by Lisa See**

In 1937 Shanghai, after their gambling father loses everything, beautiful Pearl and May Chin are married off to two Chinese brothers living in Los Angeles. Escaping from the invading Japanese, the sisters arrive in California and experience unexpected difficulties as they adapt to a new life. Some violence. Bestseller

**DB 69279****Plain Language: a Novel****by Barbara Wright**

Mid-1930s. Virginia Mendenhall travels to Colorado to marry Alfred Bowen, a man she has met only twice. Virginia adjusts to ranch hardships, but as the drought and Depression worsen, tensions rise, secrets surface, and Virginia's troubled brother pays a visit. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. Spur Award.

**DB 69471****Public Enemies: America's Greatest Crime Wave and the Birth of the FBI, 1933-34****by Bryan Burrough**

Discusses events that led to the FBI's 1933-1936 "war on crime" led by J. Edgar Hoover. Examines activities of John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, Pretty Boy Floyd, Machine Gun Kelly, and Bonnie and Clyde to depict depression-era robbers and murderers. Violence and strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 69750****American-made: the Enduring Legacy of the WPA : When FDR Put the Nation to Work by Nick Taylor**

Chronicles the accomplishments and criticisms of the Works Projects Administration (WPA), from its creation by presidential act in 1935 to its dismantlement eight years later. Discusses WPA relief programs that trained workers and created public-works projects designed to improve the nation's schools, bridges, highways, dams, and military bases.

**DB 69943****A Royal Pain: Royal Spyness Novel****by Rhys Bowen**

London, 1930s. The queen asks Lady Georgiana, to chaperone Bavarian princess Hannelore, who the queen hopes will distract her son, the prince of Wales, from his unsuitable American lover. Hanni proves to be a handful, displaying penchants for shoplifting, slang--and communists. Murder ensues.

**DB 70208****The Lacuna: a Novel****by Barbara Kingsolver**

An American youth in 1930s Mexico City, Harrison Shepherd works for artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera and their houseguest, Russian exile Lev Trotsky. Returning to the United States, Shepherd becomes a bestselling author, but his past associations raise suspicions during McCarthy's Communist witch hunt. Some strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 70232****The Casebook of Sidney Zoom****by Erle Stanley Gardner**

Ten short stories and novelettes written between 1930 and 1934 that feature Depression-era sleuth Sidney Zoom, champion of the downtrodden and master of disguise. Includes "Cheating the Chair" and other tales involving stolen jewels, confidence swindles, hidden fortunes, missing wills, disappearing bodies, and murder frames.

**DB 70735****Rainwater: a Novel****by Sandra Brown**

In a time of drought and economic depression in 1934, Ella Barron runs her boardinghouse in Texas while caring for her son, Solly, and responds to the calm influence of one of her boarders, David Rainwater, while facing the tension and uncertainty around her. Some violence and some strong language.

**DB 70855****Royal Flush: Royal Spyness Novel****by Rhys Bowen**

1932. Lady Georgiana's latest business venture, a dinner-and-dancing escort service, ends in an awkward misunderstanding. To avoid scandal, Scotland Yard sends Georgiana to her ancestral Scottish estate to keep an amorous American woman from seducing the prince of Wales--and possibly stop a killer who is targeting the royal family.

**DB 71071****The Kind One: a Novel****by Tom Epperson**

Los Angeles, 1930s. Amnesiac Danny "Two Gun" Landon has no memory of coming to work for mobster Bud Seitz. Bud asks Danny to look after his young mistress, Darla, who wants to escape. To save himself and his friends, Danny confronts his past. Violence and strong language.

**DB 71142****The Mapping of Love and Death: A Maisie Dobbs Mystery****by Jacqueline Winspear**

England, 1932. An American couple hires investigator Maisie Dobbs after the body of their son Michael Clifton is discovered in France, buried in a collapsed Great War trench. The Cliftons want to find Michael's girlfriend, an English nurse. But after the parents are attacked, Maisie uncovers murder and larceny.

**DB 71268****Mr. Shivers: a Novel****by Robert Jackson Bennett**

The Great Depression. Marcus Connelly and three other men track a scar-faced murderer called Mr. Shivers--who killed Connelly's daughter--across the country. As Connelly plots revenge he uncovers a horrifying truth. Violence and strong language.

**DB 71465****Dillinger's Wild Ride: the Year that Made America's Public Enemy Number One****by Elliott J. Gorn**

Chronicles the final year in the life of John Dillinger (1903-1934). Details the crime spree that began a month after his release from nine years in prison and ended with his death at the hands of federal agents. Describes bank robberies and shoot-outs and discusses Dillinger's lingering pop-culture presence.

**DB 71801****The Invisible Bridge: a Novel****by Julie Orringer**

An unforgettable story of three brothers, of history and love, of marriage tested by disaster, of a Jewish family's struggle against annihilation, and of the dangerous power of art in a time of war.

**DB 71956****Dancing in the Dark: a Cultural History of the Great Depression****by Morris Dickstein**

Portrays Depression-Era political and social trends from 1929 to World War II. Discusses novels, plays, movies, architecture, photography, product design, and music of the time. Examines the function of art and media in a time of social crisis.

**DB 72428****When the Dancing Stopped: the Real Story of the Morro Castle Disaster and its Deadly Wake****by Brian Hicks**

The author uses files from the National Archives--including those from the FBI and Coast Guard--to investigate the September 8, 1934, fire aboard the luxury cruise ship Morro Castle in the midst of a storm off the New Jersey coast.

**DB 73378****Death in a White Tie: a Novel****by Ngaio Marsh**

As the London season opens, Chief Detective-Inspector Roderick Alleyn asks his old friend Lord Robert Gossell to help investigate blackmail in society circles. When Gossell is found murdered in a cab after reportedly identifying the culprit, Alleyn tracks both a blackmailer and a killer.

**DB 73470****In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin****by Erik Larson**

Follows the lives of U.S. ambassador William E. Dodd and his family, who moved to Berlin, Germany, in 1933. Discusses their attitudes toward the Nazi Party, obliviousness to Hitler's true character, and naive reactions to the persecution of Jews and Americans and the enforcement of stringent laws. Bestseller.

**DB 73667****Franklin and Eleanor: an Extraordinary Marriage****by Hazel Rowley**

Portrays the marriage of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt as a radical partnership that helped both husband and wife achieve their ambitions and political goals. Discusses their extended family of close companions and lovers as well as Franklin's polio and Eleanor's social work. Some strong language.

**DB 73689****Rules of Civility: a Novel****by Amor Towles**

Manhattan, 1938. Young secretaries Katey Kontent and her roommate Eve Ross meet banker Tinker Grey while enjoying the nightlife. Eve takes up with Tinker, while Katey works her way into the upper echelons of society and earns a job with a publisher. Some strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 74124****The Time in Between: a Novel****by María Dueñas**

Morocco, 1936. Sira Quiroga, a young seamstress from Madrid, leaves home with her lover but is abandoned in North Africa. She creates a successful couture workshop and is recruited to work for the British cause against Germany. Translated from Spanish. Some violence and some strong language.

**DB 75027****Mission to Paris: a Novel****by Alan Furst**

Europe, 1938. Austrian-born Hollywood star Fredric Stahl is in Paris to make a movie when he encounters French fascists and Nazis who want to use him for propaganda. Instead, Stahl agrees to spy for the Americans. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

**DB 75041****Little Man--What Now?: a Novel****by Hans Fallada**

Germany, early 1930s. In the last days of the Weimar Republic, twenty-three-year-old salesman Johannes Pinneberg marries his pregnant, blue-collar girlfriend Emma, the daughter of a Communist union worker. Johannes loses his job and returns to Berlin where, like millions of others, his family is soon destitute.

**DB 75097****Venetia Kelly's Traveling Show: a Novel****by Frank Delaney**

Ireland. Looking back to 1932 when he was eighteen, Ben recalls the ways his life changed after his father inexplicably abandoned the farm to join ventriloquist Venetia's traveling show. Ben also fell in thrall to thirty-two-year-old Venetia, unaware of her underhanded grandfather's plans for Ben's family. Some strong language.

**DB 75400****A Dublin Student Doctor: an Irish Country Novel****by Patrick Taylor**

1930s, Trinity College. Medical student Fingal O'Reilly spends his days serving Dublin's poorest residents. He works his way through university after his father refuses to support his career choice and almost loses his girlfriend Kitty because of his dedication.

**DB 75625****Live by Night: a Novel****by Dennis Lehane**

Joe Coughlin's dad is a Boston cop, but Prohibition turns Joe into a small-time hood. He survives prison and becomes a crime boss in Florida and Cuba--but his fate is shaped by his choice in women. Violence, explicit descriptions of sex, and some strong language.

**DB 75816**

**The Life of Objects: a Novel**

**by Susanna Moore**

Ireland, 1938. Seventeen-year-old Beatrice Palmer, desperate to leave her hometown of Ballycarra, is thrilled when a German countess hires her to make lace for the Metzenburg family. Once in Germany, Beatrice is caught up in the outbreak of war. Violence.

**DB 75975**

**Hard Twisted: a Novel**

**by C. Joseph Greaves**

A tale based on a true story finds the 13-year-old daughter of a homeless man lured by a charismatic drifter to Depression-era Texas, where she is forced to participate in a year-long crime spree that culminates in the notorious Greenville "skeleton murder" trial of 1935.

**DB 76143**

**Smoke Portrait: a Novel**

**by Trilby Kent**

1930s. Young Englishwoman Glen Phayre volunteers for pen-pal duties with European prisoners to help improve their English. Her letter is misdirected and falls into the hands of Belgian schoolboy Marten Kuypers. Marten pretends to be the prisoner and he and Glen share their lives as war looms. Some violence.

**DB 76477**

**On the Eve: the Jews of Europe Before the Second World War**

**by Bernard Wasserstein**

Professor examines the diverse Jewish communities within 1930s European and Soviet society. Posits that cultural assimilation and other factors led to factionalism and internal disarray and left Jews ill-equipped to confront growing anti-Semitism. Violence.

**DB 76504**

**The Island of Second Sight: From the Applied Recollections of Vigoleis**

**by Albert Vigoleis Thelen**

1931. Vigoleis and Beatrice travel from Amsterdam to the island of Mallorca to care for Beatrice's brother, who telegraphed them of his imminent death. They arrive to find him in perfect health and are soon caught up in the looming Spanish Civil War. Translated from German. Strong language.

**DB 76781**

**The Teleportation Accident: a Novel**

**by Ned Beaman**

Berlin, 1931. Egon Loeser develops a stagecraft machine that he calls the Teleportation Device. It has unforeseen powers, but Egon's preoccupation with sexual conquests prevent him from fully understanding his invention's abilities--and limitations. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 76906**

**The Midwife of Hope River: a Novel**

**by Patricia Harman**

1930s. Wanted in two states, widow Patience Murphy moved to West Virginia two years ago to hide her past as a union organizer. Working as a midwife, Patience takes in black teenager Bitsy and assists veterinarian Dr. Hester. Then the Ku Klux Klan shows up. Some strong language.

**DB 77138**

**The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics**

**by Daniel James Brown**

Recounts the accomplishments of nine working-class athletes from the University of Washington who beat elite teams at home and abroad and won the gold medal for rowing at the 1936 Nazi-orchestrated Berlin Olympics. Bestseller.

**DB 77171**

**Too Many Cooks: a Nero Wolfe Mystery**

**by Rex Stout**

Armchair detective Nero Wolfe, along with his sidekick Archie, braves the outside world to attend a gathering in West Virginia of great chefs. But when a hated guest is murdered and Wolfe must intervene, the culinary holiday loses its savor. Some violence and some strong language.

**DB 77175**

**Under a Texas Sky: a Novel**

**by Dorothy Garlock**

1932. Anna Finnegan grew up poor in 1920s Chicago but became a stage actress. While shooting her first movie in Texas she meets blacksmith Dalton Barnes. The two join forces to find out who is trying to sabotage the film. Unrated.



**DB 77216**

**The Family Corleone: a Novel**

**by Edward Falco**

New York, 1933. The Corleones and other crime families have prospered under Prohibition, but that may change soon. Vito Corleone pushes his seventeen-year-old son to become a legitimate businessman. Prequel to The Godfather (DB 25677). Based on an unpublished Mario Puzo screenplay. Unrated. Bestseller.

**DB 77679**

**Songs of Willow Frost: a Novel**

**by Jamie Ford**

Seattle, 1934. Twelve-year-old Chinese American William Eng, who was orphaned at age seven, goes to see a movie on his birthday. When he sees Chinese movie star Willow Frost on the screen, he becomes convinced that she is his mother and searches for Willow.

**DB 78364**

**The Vampire Files. Volume 1**

**by P.N. Elrod**

Three novels featuring undead journalist-turned-private investigator Jack Fleming in 1930s Chicago. In Bloodlist Jack must solve his own murder. Also includes Lifeblood and Bloodcircle. Violence and some strong language.

**DB 78801**

**The Mad Sculptor: the Maniac, the Model, and the Murder that Shook the Nation**

**by Harold Schechter**

Relates the brutal 1937 murders of model Veronica Gedeon, her mother, and their boarder by an artist obsessed with Veronica's sister. Lurid press attention and the presence of celebrity defense attorney Samuel Leibowitz fed the 1930s' appetite for sensational homicides. Some violence and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 78964**

**China Dolls: a Novel**

**by Lisa See**

In 1938, three girls competing for showgirl roles at San Francisco's "Oriental" nightclub become friends. American-born Chinese Grace fled an abusive father; Helen's Chinese family has deep Chinatown roots; and Japanese Ruby is passing as Chinese. Then everything changes with the attack on Pearl Harbor. Unrated.

**DB 78991**

**House of Earth: a Novel**

**by Woody Guthrie**

Lost novel by American folksinger Woody Guthrie tells the tale of Tike and Ella May Hamlin, a couple struggling to plant roots in the arid land of the Texas Panhandle in the 1930s. Edited and introduced by Douglas Brinkley and Johnny Depp. Some descriptions of sex.

**DB 79038**

**Sing for Me: a Novel**

**by Karen Halvorsen Schreck**

Chicago, 1937. Out one night with her cousin, devout Rose tastes forbidden fruit by going to a jazz club--Calliope's. Conflicted about her love of earthly music, she soon finds herself singing with the Chess Men--and tempted by African-American pianist Theo.

**DB 79052**

**Long Man: a Novel**

**by Amy Greene**

Tennessee, 1936. In three days, the town of Yuneetah will be flooded as the Tennessee Valley Authority dams up the Long Man River. Annie Clyde Dodson is fighting eviction, determined that her three-year-old daughter Gracie will inherit the land. But Gracie is missing and cannot be found. Some violence.

**DB 79065**

**The Case is Closed: a Miss Silver Mystery**

**by Patricia Wentworth**

Miss Silver must use all of her sleuthing skills to uncover the culprit in the slippery Everton case, especially since the wrong man has already spent a year in jail for a murder he didn't commit! Unrated.

**DB 79176**

**The Twenty-Year Death**

**by Ariel S. Winter**

Three hard-boiled interconnected novels written in the styles of different noted crime writers--Georges Simenon, Raymond Chandler, and Jim Thompson--cover two decades. In Malniveau Prison, murdered inmates are found outside the prison in 1931 France. Includes The Falling Star and Police at the Funeral. Some violence and some strong language.

**DB 79323****Lovers at the Chameleon Club, Paris 1932: a Novel****by Francine Prose**

Letters and book excerpts paint a portrait of the patrons of the Chameleon Club of Paris during the 1930s, with Louisianne--Lou--Villars at their center. Lou is a cross-dressing lesbian who finds success in race car driving, eventually collaborating with the Nazis. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

**DB 79379****The Little Girl who Fought the Great Depression: Shirley Temple and 1930s America****by John F. Kasson**

Historian examines the Great Depression in America in the 1930s and how it led to the development of Shirley Temple as one of the most famous people in the country. Discusses the impact of her movies on the economy of the day, race relations, and marketing.

**DB 79716****Lisette's List: a Novel****by Susan Vreeland**

Lisette, twenty, and her husband leave Paris in 1937 to care for André's grandfather, Pascal, in Provence. Lisette resents leaving the city, but she is enchanted by Pascal's art collection. Left alone when war breaks out, Lisette vows to recover the precious paintings, hidden by André when called to fight. Unrated.

**DB 79809****Burmese Days: a Novel****by George Orwell**

Flory lives amongst the British expatriates in Burma where he works as a timber merchant. Discontented with his life, he helps his friend Dr. Veraswami, who is being hounded by a corrupt magistrate. In the midst of this, Flory falls in love with spinster Elizabeth Lackersteen. Some violence.

**DB 80051****In the Night of Time: a Novel****by Antonio Muñoz Molina**

1936. Ignacio Abel arrives at Penn Station in New York, leaving his wife and family behind in war-torn Madrid as he searches for his American lover. He reflects on the events that have brought him to this moment. Translated from the Spanish. Some violence.

**DB 80504****Euphoria: a Novel****by Lily King**

New Guinea, 1930s. Anthropologist Andrew Bankson has been living among the tribes of the Sepik River for two years when Nell Stone and her husband Fen arrive. The relationships between Andrew, Nell, and Fen throw their world into chaos. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence.

**DB 80668****Falling from Horses: a Novel****by Molly Gloss**

Oregon, 1938. Bud Frazer, a young ranch hand, leaves home after the death of his sister to become a Hollywood stunt rider. On the way, he meets a young, aspiring writer named Lily Shaw, also headed to Hollywood, with whom he strikes up a kinship destined to withstand the tests of time.

**DB 81048****Hot Lead, Cold Iron: a Mick Oberon Job Mystery****by Ari Marmell**

In 1930s Chicago Mick Oberon works as a private investigator, having turned his back on his fae heritage to pass as human. But the fae world pulls him back, when a prominent gangster hires Mick to find his daughter, swapped with a changeling years before. Some violence and some strong language.

**DB 81114****West of Sunset: a Novel****by Stewart O’Nan**

1937. F. Scott Fitzgerald heads to Hollywood. He leaves behind his wife, Zelda, in a private mental institution and his daughter, Scottie, in the care of family and friends. Churning out short stories and scripts, his health deteriorates and new love beckons. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

**DB 81430****The Wild Girl: a Novel****by Jim Fergus.**

1932. Seventeen-year-old orphan Ned Giles records joining an expedition into the Sierra Madre to recover a young boy believed to have been kidnapped by Apaches three-and-a-half years earlier. A girl may be the key to resolving the boy’s disappearance. Violence and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 81698**

**Butcher's Road: a Novel**

**by Lee Thomas**

Former wrestler Butch Cardinal, now muscle for a mobster in 1932 Chicago, is on the run after implicating someone in a murder he witnessed. Holding the parcel that belonged to the dead man, Butch tries to uncover the secrets of the magical trinket. Violence and strong language.

**DB 81622**

**Appointment with Death: a Hercule Poirot Mystery**

**by Agatha Christie**

While traveling in Petra, the detestable Mrs. Boynton becomes a corpse, and a puncture mark on her wrist is the one clue to how she died. Detective Hercule Poirot has only twenty-four hours to solve the mystery.

**DB 81825**

**Saint Mazie: a Novel**

**by Jami Attenberg**

Fictitious diary of Mazie Phillips, a real woman who roamed the streets of Manhattan in the 1930s, handing out money for food, drinks, and health care. Mazie recalls taking tickets at her brother-in-law's cinema at age ten and celebrates her long-term love affair with a sea captain. Unrated.

**DB 82031**

**The Thunder of Giants: a Novel**

**by Joel Fishbane**

Andorra Kelsey, who stands nearly eight feet tall, is hired in 1937 to play the role of famed giantess Anna Swan, a member of P. T. Barnum's sideshow. Both Anna's and Andorra's lives twist and turn as they enter show business and discover love for themselves and others. Some strong language.

**DB 81839**

**The Truth According to Us: a Novel**

**by Annie Barrows**

1938. As punishment for refusing to marry the man of her father's choosing, Layla Beck is forced to work for the WPA Writers' Project. She heads to Macedonia, West Virginia, where she befriends members of the once-prominent Romeyn family. Secrets of the night their factory burned come to light. Unrated.

**DB 82223**

**Prisoner of Night and Fog: a Novel**

**by Anne Blankman**

Munich, 1931. Gretchen, the favorite niece of Adolf Hitler, is torn between duty and love after meeting a fearless and handsome young Jewish reporter. Some violence. For senior high and older readers.

**For the Love of Libraries and Defenders of the Freedom to Read**

**"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life."**

**~Henry Ward Beecher**

**DB 26993**

**Treasure: a Novel**

**by Clive Cussler**

When the great library of Alexandria was sacked in A.D. 391, perhaps some of its fabulous art treasures and volumes from its library escaped the flames and were ferried across the Atlantic. This is the premise of a suspense caper that features green-eyed Dirk Pitt, a James Bond type whom "no woman could completely possess." Some strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 39874**

**Original Sin: a Dalgliesh Mystery**

**by P.D. James**

Adam Dalgliesh and his Scotland Yard cohorts are looking into murders at Innocent House, the offices of London publishing house Peverell Press. On her first day of work, temporary typist Mandy Price finds the body of editor Sonia Clements. Soon the managing director, Gerard Etienne, is found dead with the office mascot, stuffed snake Hissing Sid, in his mouth. Also a manuscript has been altered and some illustrations have disappeared. Bestseller.

**DB 49490**

**Murder at the Library of Congress**

**by Margaret Truman: a Capital Crimes Mystery**

Annabel Reed-Smith is happily ensconced at the Library of Congress's Hispanic room researching an article on Christopher Columbus and his aide Las Casas, whose lost diaries are rumored to reveal hidden treasure. When she finds the expert librarian on the subject murdered, Annabel and her husband, Mac, investigate. Some violence.

**DB 50345****America's Library: the Story of the Library of Congress, 1800-2000****by James Conaway**

A history of this cultural institution--often considered the world's greatest library--and the thirteen Librarians of Congress who guided its development. Discusses its transformation from modest legislative resource to the vast national library of the United States. Describes some of the variety found in its diverse collection of over 115 million items.

**DB 61232****The Twelfth Card: a Lincoln Rhyme Novel****by Jeffery Deaver**

After African American teenager Geneva Settle is attacked at a Manhattan library while conducting genealogical research, quadriplegic detective Lincoln Rhyme and his assistant Amelia Sachs investigate. When Geneva continues to be stalked the evidence ultimately leads to a post-Civil War family secret. Violence and strong language.

**DB 66149****The Uncommon Reader: a Novel****by Alan Bennett**

England. When the royal dogs stray into a mobile library parked near the palace, the Queen feels obligated to borrow a book. She soon develops an obsession with reading that changes her worldviews, distracts her from official duties, and prompts her to write her own masterpiece--with surprising consequences. Some strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 67555****Die for Love: a Jacqueline Kirby Mystery****by Elizabeth Peters**

Jacqueline Kirby, a librarian at Coldwater College in Nebraska, attends the New York convention of the Historical Romance Writers of the World. When a muckraking columnist drops dead at a cocktail party while surrounded by enemies, Jacqueline believes it's murder. The police are skeptical, but Jacqueline stalks the killer.

**DB 67516****Dewey: the Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World****by Vicki Myron**

Spencer, Iowa, public library director Vicki Myron describes finding a kitten in the book drop in 1988. Named Dewey Readmore Books by library staff, the feline became an increasingly famous mascot over the next nineteen years. Myron also discusses her divorce, single parenthood, breast cancer scare, and love of librarianship. Bestseller.

**DB 67546**

**The Seventh Sinner: a Jacqueline Kirby Mystery**

**by Elizabeth Peters**

Jean Suttman, one of seven scholars studying in Rome, discovers a fellow student dying after a brutal attack in an ancient subterranean temple. When small accidents befall Jean with disturbing regularity, she fears for her own life and contacts her new friend, librarian Jacqueline Kirby, for help.

**DB 68515**

**Dylan: a Novel**

**by Linda Lael Miller**

Rodeo champion Dylan Creed returns home to his Stillwater Springs, Montana, ranch with his two-year-old daughter Bonnie after Bonnie's mother abandons her. Dylan takes Bonnie to story hour and runs into ex-lover, librarian Kristy Madison--and their romance rekindles. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

**DB 68796**

**Running Hot: a Novel**

**by Jayne Ann Krentz**

After escaping a psychic-blast murder attempt, high-level aura reader Grace Renquist became a librarian for the paranormal Arcane Society. Now in need of her talent, the Society sends her to Maui, assigning ex-cop aura talent Luther Malone as her bodyguard. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 69283**

**Lamentation: A Novel**

**by Ken Scholes**

An ancient weapon destroys the city of Windwir and its great Androfrancine library. Isaak, the sole survivor and a metal man, claims responsibility. But Rudolfo, Lord of the Ninefold Forest Houses, suspects another is the culprit--and realizes that the Named Lands will soon be at war.

**DB 69530**

**Schemers: a Nameless Detective Novel**

**by Bill Pronzini**

The Nameless Detective investigates the case of Gregory Pollexfen, whose valuable mystery books were stolen from his locked San Francisco home library. Meanwhile Nameless's associate Tamara is in love, and his cohort Jake seeks a stalker with no apparent connection to his victims. Some violence and some strong language.



**DB 69631**

**How to Murder the Man of Your Dreams**

**by Dorothy Cannell**

The library league throws a fundraiser featuring handsome romance-novel cover model Karisma. Karisma brings his agent, Mrs. Swabucher, owner of the escort service through which Ellie met her husband. Ellie tries to keep her secret while coping with her cousin (and nemesis), with two-year-old twins--and with murder.

**DB 69921**

**Alexandria: a Marcus Didius Falco Novel**

**by Lindsey Davis**

Egypt, A.D. 77. Informer Marcus Didius Falco, his wife Helena Justina, their two young daughters, and Marcus's brother-in-law journey to Alexandria to visit an uncle. When Theon, the head of the Great Library, is murdered after dining with the family, Marcus and Helena investigate and discover deadly academic politics.

**DB 70699**

**Lethal Legacy: a Novel**

**by Linda Fairstein**

Assistant D.A. Alexandra Cooper investigates the home invasion and possible sexual assault of antique-map conservator Tina Barr. Tina refuses to cooperate, then disappears. The investigation leads Cooper to the New York Public Library and a world of socialites, antiquities collectors, and thieves. Some violence and some strong language.

**DB 71219**

**The Black Cat: a Richard Jury Mystery**

**by Martha Grimes**

New Scotland Yard superintendent Richard Jury investigates the murder of a librarian dressed like a well-heeled call girl, whose body is found behind the Black Cat pub in Chesham. Then similar women are killed in London. Meanwhile Jury must work through his feelings toward his hospitalized lover. Strong language.

**DB 71841**

**The Case of the Missing Books: a Mobile Library Mystery**

**by Ian Sansom**

Londoner Israel Armstrong arrives in Tumdrum, Northern Ireland, to begin his librarian job, only to learn the library closed--permanently. After being reassigned as driver of the decrepit bookmobile, Israel discovers that all of the books are missing and sets about finding them.

**DB 71852**

**Neighborhood Watch: a Novel**

**by Cammie McGovern**

Twelve years after she's wrongly imprisoned for killing her neighbor while sleepwalking, librarian Betsy Treading is released based on DNA evidence. As she now begins her own investigation into the murder, Betsy learns startling things about herself and her suburban neighbors. Some strong language.

**DB 72629**

**A Discovery of Witches: a Novel**

**by Deborah Harkness**

After scholar and witch Diana Bishop requests an alchemical manuscript from the depths of Oxford's Bodleian Library, she finds the magical power within the leather cover disturbing and hastily sends it back. But the book's reemergence causes a chain reaction through the paranormal community. Descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

**DB 72898**

**Dewey's Nine Lives: the Legacy of the Small-Town Library Cat Who Inspired Millions  
by Vicki Myron, with Bret Witter**

Author recounts more memories of Dewey, who warmed the hearts of readers in Spencer, Iowa, and elsewhere. Also shares anecdotes received from correspondents around the country about other cats.

**DB 73670**

**Mr. Dixon Disappears: a Mobile Library Mystery**

**by Ian Sansom**

Tumdrum, Northern Ireland. British mobile librarian and amateur sleuth Israel Armstrong is suspected of robbing a department store and kidnapping the owner. Hoping to clear his name, Israel sets out to find the missing man and meets local characters along the way. Some strong language.

**DB 73808**

**The Information: a History, a Theory, a Flood**

**by James Gleick**

Chronicles the history of humanity's efforts to store, access, and communicate information--from Paleolithic cave paintings to early-twenty-first-century search engines. Discusses prominent inventors Charles Babbage, Ada Byron, Samuel Morse, Alan Turing, and Claude Shannon.

**DB 73992**

**The Bad Book Affair: a Mobile Library Mystery**

**by Ian Sansom**

Northern Ireland bookmobile librarian Israel Armstrong lends fourteen-year-old Lyndsay Morris, the Goth daughter of a local politician, a copy of a banned book. When Lyndsay disappears, Israel becomes a suspect. He and his colleague Ted Carson search the county for the missing teen.

**DB 74661**

**Passion Becomes Her: a Novel**

**by Shirlee Busbee**

Gentleman farmer Asher Cordell meets his neighbor Juliana Greeley, a widow, in the library of the marquis of Ormsby. Juliana is searching for the letters the marquis is using to blackmail her sister into marrying him. Asher and Juliana fall in love while seeking justice. Some descriptions of sex.

**DB 74667**

**The Book of the Seven Delights: A Novel**

**by Betina Krahn**

Boston librarian Abigail uncovers a journal at the British Museum that pinpoints the location of the long-lost library of Alexandria. Englishman Apollo, a former French legionnaire, assists Abigail on her way to Morocco, rescues her from kidnappers, and falls in love. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 74779**

**Getting Old is Murder: a Gladdy Gold Mystery**

**by Rita Lakin**

Seventy-five-year-old Gladdy Gold, a retired New York librarian, lives in the Lanai Gardens apartment complex in Fort Lauderdale. Gladdy is suspicious when one of her elderly neighbors dies, but the death of her best friend Francie sends heartbroken Gladdy into sleuth mode to find the murderer. Some strong language.

**DB 74810**

**Curiosity Thrilled the Cat: a Magical Cats Mystery**

**by Sofie Kelly**

After she rescues two stray cats, small-town librarian Kathleen Paulson discovers there may be more to felines Owen and Hercules than normal kitty behavior. When a murder disrupts a music festival and Kathleen becomes the prime suspect, Owen and Hercules help her to solve the crime.

**DB 75011****Summer Nights: a Fool's Gold Novel****by Susan Mallery**

Fool's Gold, California. Rancher Shane Stryker, still smarting from his recent divorce, is wary of fiery librarian Annabelle Weiss. But when Annabelle approaches Shane for horseback-riding lessons, the attraction between the two builds. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 75145****Sleight of Paw: a Magical Cats Mystery****by Sofie Kelly**

Following the events in Curiosity Thrilled the Cat (DB 74810), librarian Kathleen Paulson knows that her two feline friends Owen and Hercules possess odd magical abilities. When Kathleen finds elderly Agatha Shepherd dead in an alley, Kathleen, Owen, and Hercules--along with a cute police detective--search for the killer.

**DB 75458****An Unsuitable Bride: a Novel****by Jane Feather**

England, 1763. Viscount Bradley requires all of his nephews to marry a fallen woman in order to inherit his wealth. Peregrine, the last nephew to wed, meets librarian Alexandra, falls in love, and learns her secrets. Sequel to A Wedding Wager (DB 73701). Explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 76368****Chance of a Lifetime: a Harmony Novel****by Jodi Thomas**

Harmony, Texas. Librarian Emily Tomlinson organizes a writing club while reconnecting with childhood friend Tannon Parker. Meanwhile, female marshal Trace Adams protects attorney Rick Matheson after an attempt on his life and teen musician Beau Yates longs for a girlfriend. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 76695****The Cherry Cola Book Club: a Novel****by Ashton Lee**

Librarian Maura Beth Mayhew must increase her small Cherico, Mississippi, library's circulation or face closure. To convince the town council that the library is viable Maura Beth starts a book club, where the members share food, stories, and love, as well as literature.

**DB 77250**

**That Night on Thistle Lane: a Novel**

**by Carla Neggers**

Librarian Phoebe O'Dunn must summon up the courage to live out her own fairy tale when a threat to the town leads her to Noah Kendrick, who, unbeknownst to her, is the unforgettable man she met at a masquerade ball in Boston. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 77904**

**Innocence: a Novel**

**by Dean Koontz**

With a face that has driven him into solitude, deformed Addison only explores the city at night. While visiting a closed library, he witnesses an evil curator attack goth girl Gwyneth and decides to help her--embroiling himself in a mystery. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 79611**

**Cat Trick: a Magical Cats Mystery**

**by Sofie Kelly**

When Mayville Heights librarian Kathleen Paulson discovers the body of the unlikeable owner of a tour company on the boardwalk, she and her sleuthing cats can't help but get involved in the investigation--even if her beau, Detective Marcus Gordon, would rather she didn't. Unrated

**DB 80256**

**Books Can Be Deceiving; Due or Die; Book, Line and Sinker; Read It and Weep; On Borrowed Time**

**by Jenn McKinlay**

Books one through five, written between 2011 and 2014, in the series featuring library director and amateur sleuth Lindsey Norris of Briar Creek, Connecticut. In Books Can Be Deceiving, Beth Stanley, Lindsey's friend and employee and an aspiring children's author, is suspected of murdering her famous-writer boyfriend.

**DB 80291**

**The Strange Library: a Novel**

**by Haruki Murakami**

A young man goes to the library on what he assumes will be a routine visit. Sent to a hidden corner of the basement, he encounters an old man who imprisons him and forces him to read books on esoteric subjects. Unrated.

**DB 80645**

**The Boston Girl: a Novel**

**by Anita Diamant**

When Addie's granddaughter asks about her life, Addie recounts growing up in Boston as the daughter of immigrants who did not trust the opportunities America affords their children. But when Addie joined a library group, her world opened up. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

**DB 81214**

**This Book Is Overdue: How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All**

**by Marilyn Johnson**

Author of *The Dead Beat* (DB 81116) and *Lives in Ruins* (DB 80738) explores the careers of librarians and other information professionals. Discusses professional realities, stereotypes, and popular culture representations, and profiles librarians working in a variety of roles.

**DB 82147**

**BiblioTech: Why Libraries Matter More than Ever in the Age of Google**

**by John Palfrey**

Former law professor and founding chairman of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) examines the importance and role of public libraries in the twenty-first century and beyond. Examines lessons learned from the development period of the DPLA and argues for a reexamination of public libraries core strengths.

## **Authors and Writers...Creating Worlds with Words**

**“Every secret of a writer’s soul, every experience of his life, every quality of his mind, is written large in his works.”**

**—Virginia Woolf**

**DB 49971**

**The Hook: A Novel**

**by Donald E. Westlake**

Authors Bryce Proctor and Wayne Prentice renew an old acquaintance when they run into each other in the New York Public Library. Each author is currently experiencing publishing problems, and they decide to combine their efforts--in a murderous collaboration. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller.

**DB 59349**

**Bell, Book, and Scandal: a Jane Jeffry Mystery  
by Jill Churchill**

Hoping for advice on her new manuscript, amateur sleuth Jane Jeffry attends a mystery writers' convention with her friend Shelley. Investigating after an editor is poisoned and a book-bashing reviewer is attacked, Jane uncovers plagiarism and hidden resentments. Some strong language.

**DB 59549**

**Murder at Union Station: A Capital Crimes Novel  
by Margaret Truman**

Washington, D.C. The subject of Richard Marienthal's latest book, mobster-turned-informant Louis Russo, is murdered at the train station before he can testify for the government. Marienthal realizes that material in his manuscript threatens to expose secrets in high places and endanger his fiancée and himself. Some strong language.

**DB 66338**

**American Bloomsbury: Louisa May Alcott, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Margaret Fuller,  
Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Henry David Thoreau : Their Lives, Their Loves, Their Work  
by Susan Cheever**

Novelist explores the relationships among five writers of the transcendentalist movement who clustered around the home of wealthy Ralph Waldo Emerson in Concord, Massachusetts, during 1840-1868. Highlights their intertwined families and the love affairs that contributed to the creation of their literary masterpieces.

**DB 66425**

**Diary of a Bad Year: a Novel  
by J.M. Coetzee**

Australia. Aging South African writer JC is penning essays for a forthcoming book in which he and others expound on various contentious subjects. JC hires Anya, his beautiful neighbor who calls him Señor C, as his secretary. Anya's lover Alan grows increasingly jealous and schemes to defraud JC.

**DB 67556**

**Looking for Anne of Green Gables: the Story of L.M. Montgomery and Her Literary  
Classic  
by Irene Gammel**

Biography of Canadian novelist Lucy Maud Montgomery (1874-1942) that explains her creation of Anne Shirley, the main character of the 1908 bestseller Anne of Green Gables (DB 56114). Details Montgomery's private life and relates its influences on her writing.

**DB 67014****Tangled Up in You: a Novel****by Rachel Gibson**

True-crime writer Maddie Dupree arrives in Truly, Idaho, to write a book about a decades-old crime--a wife killed her bar-owner husband, his girlfriend waitress, and herself. The murdered husband's son falls for Maddie, unaware she is the waitress's daughter. Explicit descriptions of sex and strong language.

**DB 67294****Wit's End: A Novel****by Karen Joy Fowler**

Teacher Rima Lanisell visits her godmother Addison Early in Santa Cruz, California. Addison, a famous mystery writer, was once an intimate friend of Rima's father, and she named a character in her series after him. Rima probes her father's connection to Addison--and to a real-life murder. Some strong language.

**DB 68109****Words Without Borders: the World Through the Eyes of Writers: an Anthology  
edited by Samantha Schnee, Alane Salierno Mason, and Dedi Felman**

Translated stories, essays, poems, and excerpts by twenty-eight writers from twenty-one countries including Bosnia, China, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, and Nigeria. In Egyptian writer Gamal al-Ghitani's "A Drowsy Haze," a Cairo man prepares for death. In Norwegian writer Johan Harstad's "Vietnam. Thursday," a psychologist interviews a napalm-burned refugee.

**DB 68138****The Last Good Kiss: a Novel****by James Crumley**

While retrieving alcoholic writer Abraham Trahearne from a drinking binge, Montana-based private investigator C.W. Sughrue agrees to look for a barmaid's missing daughter. Teenaged Betty Sue ran away to San Francisco ten years ago and has not been heard from since. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex.

**DB 68379****Looking for Rachel Wallace: a Spenser Novel****by Robert B. Parker**

Rachel Wallace, a feminist author whose latest book targets "people in high places" who discriminate against gay women, hires Boston PI Spenser as a bodyguard. But Wallace is kidnapped on Spenser's watch and he frantically tries to find her. Violence and strong language.



**DB 68523**

**Deadlier Than the Pen: a Diana Spaulding Mystery**

**by Kathy Lynn Emerson**

New York City, 1888. Editor Horatio Foxe asks widowed reporter Diana Spaulding to interview Damon Bathory, a gothic author whose book tour has met with two murders. Diana pursues Damon, becomes stranded on a train during a blizzard, and falls in love with Dr. Ben Northcote of Maine.

**DB 68828**

**Cat in a Sapphire Slipper: a Midnight Louie Mystery**

**by Carole Nelson Douglas**

Las Vegas. Public relations ace Temple Barr's romance novelist aunt becomes engaged to rumored ex-mobster Aldo Fontana. Bachelor-party attendees end up at the Sapphire Slipper brothel, where Temple's radio-talk-show-host fiancé, former priest Matt Devine, finds the body of a murdered prostitute. Luckily feline sleuth Midnight Louie has tagged along.

**DB 68886**

**Radical Innocent: Upton Sinclair**

**by Anthony Arthur**

Biography of novelist and reformer Upton Sinclair (1878-1968). Discusses Sinclair's literary and political career and his socialist philosophy that was reflected in his books including *The Jungle* (RC 52961). Covers his two marriages, relationship with his son, and friendships with Hollywood stars.

**DB 68918**

**Graham Greene: a Life in Letters**

**edited by Richard Greene**

Editor presents a compilation of letters from noted twentieth-century British writer Graham Greene (1904-1991). The correspondence reveals Greene's religious, political, literary, and personal concerns and describes his travels, his sentiments about suffering in the world, and empathy for his family and friends.

**DB 69087**

**White Heat: the Friendship of Emily Dickinson and Thomas Wentworth Higginson**

**by Brenda Wineapple**

Portrays reclusive poet Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) of Amherst, Massachusetts, and Thomas Wentworth Higginson (1823-1911), reform-minded writer for the *Atlantic Monthly* and one of Dickinson's first publishers. Describes the beginning of their friendship in 1862 and its development through letters and poems over the course of Dickinson's life.

**DB 69215****A Quiche Before Dying: a Jane Jeffry Mystery****by Jill Churchill**

Sleuth widow Jane Jeffry enrolls in a writing course that is also attended by Agnes Pryce, a nasty local author who insults fellow classmates and the teacher. At a potluck dinner Agnes is fatally poisoned after eating Jane's quiche. Jane investigates while she pens a book. Some strong language.

**DB 69404****Relentless: a Novel****by Dean Koontz**

When bestselling novelist Cullen "Cubby" Greenwich learns his newest book has been savagely panned by major literary critic Shearman Waxx, Cubby's wife suggests he ignore the review. But Cubby orchestrates a meeting with Shearman that endangers Cubby's family. Some violence and some strong language.

**DB 69531****Home Safe: a Novel****by Elizabeth Berg**

The husband of Chicago author Helen Ames passes away unexpectedly and she becomes overly dependent on her adult daughter. In need of additional income, Helen decides to teach a writing workshop for adults. With assistance from her students, and a developing love interest, Helen embarks upon a new life.

**DB 69563****Julie and Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously****by Julie Powell**

New York, 2002. The author recounts learning to cook by preparing every recipe in Julia Child's Mastering the Art of French Cooking. Describes the ways her culinary undertaking--and the blog she wrote about it--transformed her life from miserable to fulfilled in 365 days. Some strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 69786****Gabriel García Márquez: a Life****by Gerald Martin**

Official biography of the 1982 Nobel Prize-winning writer. Highlights Márquez's early years (born 1927 in Colombia) and his political and literary friendships, social activism, and writing style. Discusses the influence of his private life on his novels, such as One Hundred Years of Solitude (RC 59490). Some strong language.

**DB 70184****Laura Rider's Masterpiece: a Novel****by Jane Hamilton**

Wisconsin. Laura Rider, who has sworn off sex with Charlie, her husband of twelve years, begins writing her first romance novel. Hoping for creative fodder, Laura orchestrates an affair between Charlie and her idol, married local radio celebrity Jenna Faroli. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 70464****Ernest Hemingway: a Writer's Life****by Catherine Reef**

Biography of Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961), whose streamlined prose won both a Pulitzer and Nobel Prize. Discusses his adventures as a hunter, war correspondent, and soldier. Covers his love for drinking and bullfighting, his wives and children, and his writing prowess. For grades 6-9 and older readers.

**DB 70622****The Last Honest Woman: a Novel****by Nora Roberts**

Journalist Dylan Crosby intends to write a biography of an infamous race-car driver. Abigail O'Hurley Rockwell, the driver's widow, needs the money the book would bring but also wants to protect her sons from negative publicity. Complicating things, Abigail and Dylan fall in love. Some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 70829****Writing Jane Austen: a Novel****by Elizabeth Aston**

American writer Georgina Jackson, now in England, is stuck on the first chapter of her new book when her editor commissions her to finish a Jane Austen manuscript. But Georgina has never read Austen so she seeks help from her landlord, his sister, and his housekeeper. Some strong language.

**DB 70879****Ayn Rand and the World She Made****by Anne C. Heller**

Biography of Atlas Shrugged (DB 51074) novelist Ayn Rand, who was born Alissa Rosenbaum in 1905 Russia. Chronicles her childhood and 1926 immigration to America. Recounts Rand's development of objectivism--an anticollectivist philosophy promoting free-market capitalism and the pursuit of self-interest--and describes her cult following.

**DB 70882****In His Sights: a True Story of Love and Obsession****by Kate Brennan**

Writing from a secret location, the author describes being stalked by her wealthy former lover Paul, who has pursued her for more than thirteen years. Details repeated moves and identity changes to escape Paul's harassment, which includes threatening calls, notes, and break-ins. Some strong language.

**DB 70922****Bad Move: a Novel****by Linwood Barclay**

Science fiction novelist and chronic worrier Zack Walker convinces his family to move from the inner city to a new, suburban development that he believes is safer. But he soon stumbles upon two dead bodies, a find that puts his family in mortal danger. Violence and strong language.

**DB 71231****Born to Write: the Remarkable Lives of Six Famous Authors****by Charis Cotter**

Explores ways writers' childhoods shaped their books: Lucy Maud Montgomery--Anne of Green Gables (RC 56114); C.S. Lewis--The Complete Chronicles of Narnia (RC 50083); E.B. White--Charlotte's Web (RC 46839); Madeleine L'Engle--A Wrinkle in Time (RC 48972); Philip Pullman--Golden Compass (RC 44343); Christopher Paul Curtis--Bud, Not Buddy (RC 49311). For grades 5-8.

**DB 71365****Bad Things Happen: a Novel****by Harry Dolan**

Michigan. Enigmatic David Loogan, an editor at the short story magazine Gray Streets, strikes up a friendship with publisher Tom Kristoll and begins an affair with Tom's wife. One night David helps Tom dispose of a body--then Tom turns up dead. Some violence and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 71587****Anne Frank: the Book, the Life, the Afterlife****by Francine Prose**

Analyzes The Diary of a Young Girl (DB 57022) as a literary work, a Holocaust narrative, and a cultural artifact. Examines the evidence that Anne rewrote her memoir to increase its appeal. Discusses the published book's use in classroom instruction and its adaptation for stage and film.

**DB 71610****Edith Wharton: a Novel****by Lee Hermione**

Biography of Edith Wharton (1862-1937), American author of *The Age of Innocence* (DB 65343) and *The House of Mirth* (DB 35369). Discusses her privileged life in New York and France, unhappy and childless marriage, midlife affair, literary friendships with Henry James and others, and successful writing career.

**DB 71626****Borges: a Life****by Edwin Williamson**

Biography of Argentine author Jorge Luis Borges (1899-1986). Chronicles his formative years in Buenos Aires and Geneva; literary career publishing fiction, poetry, and essays; opposition to Perón's government; directorship of the National Library of Argentina; exile; and blindness.

**DB 71669****My Paper Chase: True Stories of Vanished Times****by Harold Evans**

Autobiography of Sir Harold Evans, the British editor of London's *Sunday Times* and later president of Random House. Recalls twentieth-century print journalism with anecdotes about the crusades he championed--including cancer detection and compensation for persons injured by thalidomide--while fighting against government strictures on the press.

**DB 72016****Trust Me on This: a Novel****by Jennifer Crusie**

Undercover government agent Alec Prentice attends a literature conference with plans to trap a con man. Reporter Dennie Banks is there for the biggest scoop of her career. They each suspect the other is a swindler. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 72026****Phyllida and the Brotherhood of Philander: a Novel****by Ann Herendeen**

London, 1812. Future earl Andrew Carrington needs a wife who understands that he prefers the company of men. Phyllida Lewis agrees to the marriage, as long as she can continue to write romance novels. Complications arise when Andrew falls in love--with Phyllida. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 72194****E.E. Cummings: a Biography  
by Christopher Sawyer-Lauçanno**

This study of the life and work of New England poet Edward Estlin Cummings (1894-1962) examines his artistic vision, pacifism, relationships with women, egocentricity, talent for drawing and painting, experiments with language--see Complete Poems, 1913-1962 (DB 21554)--and friendships with intellectuals such as Ezra Pound.

**DB 72350****Louisa May Alcott: the Woman Behind Little Women  
by Harriet Reisen**

Comprehensive and extensively researched biography of novelist Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888) discusses her personal attributes and successful career. Covers her impoverished and peripatetic childhood, keenly independent spirit, European travels, Civil War service as a nurse, and writing compulsion. Relates the formative influence of her father's intellectual friends.

**DB 72439****Native American Writers  
by Steven Otfinoski**

Biographical profiles of ten Native American writers: Carter Curtis Revard, N. Scott Momaday, Gerald Vizenor, James Welch, Michael Dorris, Leslie Marmon Silko, Joy Harjo, Louise Erdrich, Rigoberta Menchú, and Sherman Alexie. Includes a summary and analysis of each featured author's major works.

**DB 72440****Arab-American and Muslim Writers  
by Rebecca Layton**

Biographical sketches of nine writers--Kahlil Gibran, Malcolm X, Samuel Hazo, Amiri Baraka, Naomi Shihab Nye, Mona Simpson, Khaled Hosseini, Claire Messud, and Mohja Kahf--feature literary analysis of their major works. For senior high and older readers.

**DB 72454****The World has Changed: Conversations with Alice Walker  
edited by Rudolph P. Byrd**

Nineteen interviews with Pulitzer Prize winner Alice Walker, arranged chronologically from 1973 to 2009, reveal the author's artistic development and demonstrate her candid opinions on politics, literature, and her personal life. Includes discussions with Isabel Allende, Howard Zinn, and Amy Goodman, among other cultural figures.

**DB 72497****Writing Down the Bones****by Natalie Goldberg**

Author, lecturer, and Zen practitioner encourages people to use writing to comprehend the value of their lives. Offers suggestions for creating a mindset and selecting locations that are conducive to writing. Discusses necessary materials and covers points of grammar.

**DB 72569****Death at Wentwater Court: a Daisy Dalrymple Mystery****by Carola Dunn**

England, 1923. Wealthy flapper Daisy Dalrymple takes a magazine job writing about historic country houses. On her first assignment, Lord Stephen Astwick is found dead in the estate's skating pond, and Daisy joins dashing Scotland Yard inspector Alec Fletcher in the investigation.

**DB 72606****No Doors, No Windows: a Novel****by Joe Schreiber**

Brothers Owen and Scott find an unfinished manuscript hidden in the shed that was written by their father before he lost his sanity and died. It concerns a haunted house--like one in their hometown--that slowly destroys minds. Now Scott plans to finish the ghost story himself. Strong language.

**DB 72616****Too Much Money: a Novel****by Dominick Dunne**

Elderly gossip writer Augustus "Gus" Bailey is being sued for millions over a fake story about a politician's missing intern. Meanwhile, a billionaire widow is trying to stop the publication of Bailey's tell-all novel concerning the death of her husband. Strong language

**DB 72850****Yours Ever: People and Their Letters****by Thomas Mallon**

In his literary salute to the art of letter-writing, the author of *A Book of One's Own: People and Their Diaries* (RC 23257) discusses the correspondence of historic figures such as Heloise and Abelard, Woodrow Wilson, Winston Churchill, Virginia Woolf, Sacco and Vanzetti, Norman Mailer, and Flannery O'Connor.

**DB 72874****The Mystery of Lewis Carroll: Discovering the Whimsical, Thoughtful and Sometimes Lonely Man who Created Alice in Wonderland****by Jenny Woolf**

Biography of the famous poet, mathematician, writer, Church of England deacon, and photographer, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (1832-1898), a.k.a. Lewis Carroll, author of Alice in Wonderland (DB 50842). Examines his financial difficulties and his relationship with the real Alice and her family in the context of Victorian England.

**DB 72894****Naked Heat: a Nikki Heat Novel****by Richard Castle**

NYPD detective Nikki Heat has avoided journalist Jameson Rook ever since the magazine article he wrote about her was published. But when Jameson discovers the body of a gossip columnist he has been shadowing, Nikki and Jameson team up to investigate. Strong language, descriptions of sex, and some violence.

**DB 73033****The House on Olive Street: A Novel****by Robyn Carr**

Four fellow writers arrive at their novelist friend Gabby Marshall's house for her fiftieth birthday only to find her dead. As their own lives start to unravel in different ways, Gabby's companions gather at her house for the summer. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 73096****How to Woo a Reluctant Lady: A Novel****by Sabrina Jeffries**

When novelist Lady Minerva Sharpe convinces notorious rakehell Giles Masters to pose as her betrothed, they find their fake engagement turning into something more, until she discovers his secret double life. Explicit descriptions of sex and some violence.

**DB 73124****More Than Words: Daughters of Amana: a Novel****by Judith Miller**

Gretchen Kohler, an Amana storekeeper's daughter, keeps her passion for writing a secret, but she shares her stories with a young reporter, putting her job, her reputation, and the love of her childhood beau in jeopardy. Sequel to Somewhere to Belong (DB 72196).



**DB 73164****J. D. Salinger: a Life****by Kenneth Slawenski**

Biography of Jerome David Salinger (1919-2010) examines connections between his life and his writing. Discusses Salinger's privileged youth, service in World War II, love for Oona O'Neill and other women, work for the New Yorker, and seclusion after publication of *The Catcher in the Rye* (DB 47480).

**DB 73186****The Betrayed: a Novel****by David Hosp**

After Washington Post reporter Elizabeth Creay is murdered, D.C. detectives Darius Train and Jack Cassian look for a motive in the story she was writing and among her wealthy family and violent ex-husband. Also investigating is Elizabeth's law-student sister, Sydney Chapin. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 73233****Pearl Buck in China: Journey to the Good Earth****by Hilary Spurling**

Biography of Pearl Sydenstricker Buck (1892-1973) covering her years in China and their influence on her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Good Earth* (DB 37294). Discusses ways Buck's immersion in Chinese village life and language helped her bridge eastern and western worlds and win the 1938 Nobel Prize for literature.

**DB 73375****Folly Beach: a Novel****by Dorothea Benton Frank**

Cate Cooper returns to her hometown of Folly Beach, South Carolina, after her husband loses everything and commits suicide. Cate helps manage her aunt's property while writing a play that features George Gershwin and the 1920s Charleston Renaissance. She also falls in love with a history professor. Bestseller.

**DB 73563****When You Dare: a Novel****by Lori Foster**

When mercenary Dare Macintosh locates a friend's kidnapped sister in Mexico he also rescues romance-suspense novelist Molly Alexander. Believing that someone paid her abductors, Molly hires Dare to find the culprit. Meanwhile, Dare and Molly's mutual attraction builds. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence.

**DB 73649****Townie: a Memoir****by Andre Dubus III**

Novelist recalls his relationship with his famous father, a writer and professor who deserted the family to pursue a student. Recounts growing up in poverty in a small Massachusetts town and fighting his way to adulthood. Describes the reconciliation that followed Dubus senior's crippling accident. Violence and strong language.

**DB 73709****A Duke's Temptation: the Bridal Pleasures Series: a Novel****by Jillian Hunter**

London, 1818. After breaking off her engagement, young Lily Boscastle flees society and becomes a housekeeper. Lily's employer turns out to be Samuel St. Aldwyn, the duke of Gravenhurst, who is the anonymous author of the romantic suspense novels that Lily loves. Some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 73829****Transparent Things: a Novel****by Vladimir Nabokov**

When New York publisher Hugh Person goes to interview author Armande Chamar in Switzerland, he falls in love with her and brings Armande back as his wife. Eight years later--after a murder, madness, and imprisonment--Hugh returns to Europe.

**DB 74031****Changó's Beads and Two-Tone Shoes: a Novel****by William Kennedy**

Journalist and aspiring writer Daniel Quinn meets author Ernest Hemingway in a Havana bar in 1957 and marries gunrunner Renata in a Santeria ceremony. Returning home to Albany, New York, in 1968, Daniel investigates race riots and corrupt politicians. Some violence and some strong language.

**DB 74102****Breakdown: a V.I. Warshawski Mystery****by Sara Paretsky**

Chicago. PI Victoria Warshawski searches a cemetery for preteen girls in her cousin Petra's book club, who are reenacting a ritual inspired by popular vampire novels. But Warshawski also finds the corpse of another private investigator. Violence and strong language.

**DB 74164**

**Down the Darkest Road: A Novel**

**by Tami Hoag**

Four years ago Lauren's sixteen-year-old daughter Leslie disappeared without a trace. Now Lauren and her younger daughter move to Oak Knoll, and Lauren begins writing about her experience. But Lauren sees the man she believes abducted Leslie and considers vigilantism. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 74336**

**Why Orwell Matters**

**by Christopher Hitchens**

Essayist explores the life and work of George Orwell (1903-1950), best known as the author of 1984 and Animal Farm. Discusses Orwell's political beliefs and the ways they were shaped by the times in which he lived. Challenges Orwell's critics and argues that his ideas remain relevant.

**DB 74378**

**Away with the Fairies: a Phryne Fisher Mystery**

**by Kerry Greenwood**

Australia, 1928. Phryne Fisher goes undercover at a woman's magazine to find out who murdered Marcella Lavender, a writer and illustrator of fairy stories. Phryne also worries about her lover Lin Chung, who is on a silk-buying trip. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 74415**

**Crosscut: an Evan Delaney Novel**

**by Meg Gardiner**

Writer Evan Delaney and her boyfriend attend Evan's fifteen-year high-school reunion and are shocked to learn that many members of her class have died. Their suspicions are aroused, then later confirmed when someone begins murdering the remaining classmates one by one. Violence and strong language.

**DB 74443**

**Heartwishes: an Edilean Novel**

**by Jude Deveraux**

Edilean, Virginia. Graduate student Gemma Ranford lands a dream job--organizing centuries-old documents and writing the Frazier family history. Gemma's research reveals the existence of the Heartwishes Stone. Meanwhile, town sheriff Colin Frazier hunts for the jewel thief who has been robbing locals--and falls in love. Explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 74493****Arthur Miller: 1915-1962****by Christopher Bigsby**

Focuses on the early life of American playwright Arthur Miller (d. 2005), exploring the forces that shaped him and ideas he grappled with in his writing. Examines Miller's marriage to Marilyn Monroe and analyzes his principal works, including *Death of a Salesman*, *The Crucible*, and the film *The Misfits*.

**DB 74688****If You Were Here: a Novel****by Jen Lancaster**

Describes the humorous struggles of an author of Amish-zombie-teen romance novels and her husband as they navigate the process of buying their first home in the Chicago suburbs.

**DB 74704****Breakfast of Champions, or, Goodbye Blue Monday!****by Kurt Vonnegut**

The author questions the condition of modern man in this novel depicting a science fiction writer's struggle to find peace and sanity in the world.

**DB 74705****Wolf: the Lives of Jack London****by James L. Haley**

Biography of adventurer Jack London (1876-1916), author of *The Call of the Wild* (DB 49486). Chronicles London's impoverished childhood as the illegitimate son of a spiritualist medium in San Francisco, his menial jobs and itinerant life, turn to socialism, and literary success. Spur Award.

**DB 74817****Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake****by Anna Quindlen**

In a series of essays, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and bestselling novelist reminisces about her life and the process of aging. Contemplates the feminist revolution, mortality, family, and the importance of girlfriends in a woman's life. Bestseller.

**DB 74861****Crawlspace: a Home Repair is Homicide Mystery****by Sarah Graves**

Eastport, Maine. True-crime writer Carolyn Rathbone is abducted shortly after arriving in town to research the mysterious Dodd murders for her new book. Carolyn's assistant turns to amateur sleuth Jacobia "Jake" Tiptree for help finding Carolyn, but Jake's son is also missing. Strong language and some violence.

**DB 74933****Heartbroken: a Novel****by Lisa Unger**

Stay-at-home-mom-turned-novelist Kate dreads the approaching family reunion on Heart Island, which is owned by Kate's controlling mother Birdie. Meanwhile, waitress Emily's destructive boyfriend sends her fleeing to the same place. As the women converge on the island, Birdie uncovers a decades-old secret. Violence and strong language.

**DB 75186****Phillis Wheatley: Biography of a Genius in Bondage****by Vincent Carretta**

Uses primary documents to chronicle the life of the African American poet (1753-1784). Discusses Wheatley's relationships with her Bostonian owners John and Susanna Wheatley, the fame she achieved in England, and her marriage to free black man John Peters. Includes previously unpublished work.

**DB 75362****Hemingway's Girl: a Novel****by Erika Robuck**

Key West, Florida; 1935. To cover her family's expenses, nineteen-year-old Mariella disguises herself as a boy and bets on a boxing match refereed by Ernest Hemingway. She is hired as a maid by the author and falls in love with boxer Gavin Murray, a WWI veteran. Strong language.

**DB 75398****When I Was a Child I Read Books****by Marilynne Robinson**

Pulitzer Prize winner and author of *Gilead* (DB 59561) presents ten essays, six previously published and four new, on varying topics. In the title piece Robinson reminisces about growing up in Idaho and compares her experiences to the perceptions of being raised in the West.

**DB 75434****Love Anthony: a Novel****by Lisa Genova**

Nantucket. After separating from her husband, Beth begins writing a book about an autistic boy. Meanwhile, divorcée Olivia, who mourns the death of her young autistic son Anthony, moves to the island. Neither woman realizes that Beth is channeling Anthony's story. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 75437****Low Pressure: a Novel****by Sandra Brown**

Despite her own memory lapses regarding the event, Bellamy writes a bestselling novel based on the eighteen-year-old cold case of her sister Susan's murder. When Bellamy receives anonymous threats, she teams up with Susan's lover to find the killer. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 75440****Getting Old is Très Dangereux: a Mystery****by Rita Lakin**

As Gladdy and Jack become officially engaged and prepare for their wedding, Jack's famous former girlfriend--French author Michelle DuBois--arrives in town for a book conference. Jack's ex-cop instincts kick in when he learns that Michelle's exposé books have provoked threats. Some strong language.

**DB 75538****Floating Staircase: a Novel****by Ronald Malfi**

When novelist Travis and his wife Jodie relocate to a remote town called Waterview to be close to Travis's brother Adam, strange things occur: a little boy appears in the shadows and stairs rise out of a lake. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 75545****The Story of Charlotte's Web: E.B. White's Eccentric Life in Nature and the Birth of an American Classic****by Michael Sims**

Biography of E.B. White (1899-1985), who wrote that he "felt a kinship for animals that he never felt for people" and penned the 1952 children's novel featuring a spider. Discusses White's New Yorker magazine days, marriage to editor Katharine Angell, and Maine farm that inspired Charlotte's Web (DB 46839).

**DB 75581****The Age of Desire: a Novel****by Jennie Fields**

In this fictionalized biography, Edith Wharton's novels about America's privileged classes have made her the toast of literary society in 1907 Paris. She meets young journalist Morton Fullerton and their ensuing affair soon threatens Edith's relationships with her husband Teddy and her former-governess-turned-literary-secretary Anna. Some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 75649****James Joyce: a New Biography  
by Gordon Bowker**

Chronicle of the life of James Joyce (1882-1941), author of *Ulysses* (DB 19994) and *Finnegan's Wake* (DB 21424). Details his family history, relationships with fellow literary artists such as Samuel Beckett and William Butler Yeats, and his struggles as a writer. Strong language and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 75840****Sweet Tooth: a Novel  
by Ian McEwan**

England, 1970s. Cambridge student Serena Frome's affair with a professor leads to a job with MI5. Serena is assigned to Operation Sweet Tooth, which secretly funds writers with MI5-sanctioned views. Problems arise when she falls for one of the authors. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

**DB 75841****Reflections: On the Magic of Writing  
by Diana Wynne Jones**

Collection of essays, speeches, and biographical pieces chosen by bestselling juvenile fantasy writer Diana Wynne Jones (1934-2011). In "Freedom to Write" the author explores the fashion of fantasy. Foreword by Neil Gaiman. For junior and senior high and older readers.

**DB 75851****The First Prophet: a Novel  
by Kay Hooper**

Sarah Gallagher, who developed psychic powers after awaking from a coma, knows she is being watched. When novelist Tucker Mackenzie shows up to interview her, he has his own agenda--but soon the two are running for their lives. Violence and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 75983****Lois Lane Tells All: a Novel  
by Karen Hawkins**

Susan Collins has realized her childhood dream of becoming a reporter--like Lois Lane--at her hometown newspaper in Glory, North Carolina. But when Mark Treymayne arrives to make the business profitable, the two butt heads. Sequel to *Talk of the Town* (DB 68598). Some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 76042****Georgette Heyer****by Jennifer Kloester**

Biography of Georgette Heyer (1902-1974), the author primarily known for Regency-era romances--including *Devil's Cub* (DB 59285) and *Faro's Daughter* (DB 67512)--as well as historical novels and mysteries. Details her relationship with her parents, traveling adventures, and writing career. Includes lists of her novels and short stories.

**DB 76176****Potboiler: a Novel****by Jesse Kellerman**

Arthur Pfefferkorn had known blockbuster thriller writer Bill de Vallele since high school. He always resented that Bill won the woman Arthur loved and had the career Arthur wanted. But after Bill's death Arthur becomes famous by plagiarizing Bill's unfinished book--and learns how Bill really lived. Strong language.

**DB 76224****Until the End of Time: a Novel****by Danielle Steel**

A couple destined to be together forever meet an untimely demise and wind up reincarnated as a hardened New York City publisher and a shy Amish woman writer, both of whom feel an uncanny attraction to each other. Some strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 76287****Portrait of a Novel: Henry James and the Making of an American Masterpiece****by Michael Gorra**

English professor examines the life of Henry James, focusing on the period during which the author wrote *The Portrait of a Lady* (DB 51264). Examines James's previous literary successes, his travels through Europe, and the Victorian culture in which he lived.

**DB 76358****Why We Write: 20 Acclaimed Authors on How and Why They Do What They Do****edited by Meredith Maran**

Twenty essays by popular authors on the reasons behind their pursuit of writing. Sue Grafton, author of *A is for Alibi* (DB 35069), ruminates on the source of "writer's block" and David Baldacci discusses his compulsion for writing. Also includes Isabel Allende, Jodi Picoult, and others.



**DB 76415****A Cold and Lonely Place: a Novel****by Sara J. Henry**

Freelance writer Troy Chance is covering the annual Saranac Lake ice palace construction when the ice cutters discover a body in the frozen lake. Recognizing the deceased as her renter's boyfriend, Troy becomes personally and professionally involved as she investigates his mysterious life and death.

**DB 76419****The List: a Novel****by Karin Tanabe**

Adrienne Brown leaves her cushy job at Town & Country magazine for a position with the up-and-coming Capitolist website and newspaper in Washington, D.C. As the publication's frenetic pace threatens to break her, Adrienne discovers a hated colleague's affair with a senator. Strong language and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 76443****Literary Rogues: a Scandalous History of Wayward Authors****by Andrew Shaffer**

Profiles of twenty-five writers featuring their more salacious exploits. Includes Ernest Hemingway's and Dorothy Parker's alcohol abuse, William S. Burroughs's and Samuel Taylor Coleridge's drug addictions, and Sylvia Plath's and Anne Sexton's mental illnesses. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 76463****The Lady and Her Monsters: a Tale of Dissections, Real-life Dr. Frankensteins, and the Creation of Mary Shelley's Masterpiece****by Roseanne Montillo**

Literature professor investigates the world of Mary Shelley as she wrote *Frankenstein*; or, *The Modern Prometheus* (DB 25835). Profiles literary influences, including Lord Byron and Shelley's husband Percy Bysshe Shelley. Discusses eighteenth- and nineteenth-century medical practices such as stealing corpses for dissection and anatomical study.

**DB 76835****Raymond Carver: a Writer's Life****by Carol Sklenicka**

Biography of short-story author Raymond Carver (1938-1988). Examines his relationships with others, including his initial editor; fellow authors; first wife, Maryann Burk; and second wife, poet Tess Gallagher. Discusses his struggles with alcohol and financial solvency and explores his gift for writing about ordinary people.

**DB 77031****Secrets from the Past: a Novel****by Barbara Taylor Bradford**

Serena Stone is writing a biography of her late father, a famous war photojournalist. After she finds old photos of a woman who resembles her--and who appears to be her father's pregnant lover--Serena searches for the truth of her parentage. Some descriptions of sex.

**DB 77040****The Winter Sea: a Novel****by Susanna Kearsley**

Carrie McClelland, a bestselling novelist, moves to Scotland to write about her ancestor Sophia, who helped King James Stewart try to reclaim the crown in 1708. There, the past seems to commingle with the present, and she is attracted to a local man. Some descriptions of sex.

**DB 77222****Sweet Salt Air: a Novel****by Barbara Delinsky**

Travel writer Charlotte and food blogger Nicole reunite after ten years on Quinipeague Island, Maine, to collaborate on a cookbook. Both hide secrets concerning Nicole's husband Julian, a renowned surgeon. Meanwhile, Charlotte finds romance from an unexpected source. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 77316****Anne Perry and the Murder of the Century****by Peter Graham**

Describes the notorious 1954 New Zealand matricide committed by teenage friends Pauline Parker and Juliet Hulme, who later became bestselling mystery writer Anne Perry. Discusses the girls' plans to run away and become writers, their trial and prison terms, and their lives since their release. Some violence.

**DB 77324****Amy Falls Down: a Novel****by Jincy Willett**

Aging novelist Amy Gallup is content--if not exactly happy--with the hermit-like existence she and her dog Alphonse lead. On New Year's Eve, Amy goes out to plant a tree and falls down. This seemingly simple mishap sets off events that open up possibilities in her life. Some strong language.

**DB 77403****Gone with the Woof: a Melanie Travis Mystery****by Laurien Berenson**

Melanie Travis agrees to help retiring dog-show judge Edward March pen a memoir. But she is surprised to learn March plans to write about his lovers--not his dogs--and is a secret hoarder. Meanwhile, March's grown son--who is adamantly opposed to the book--is killed in a suspicious hit-and-run accident.

**DB 77582****Kissing the Sword: a Prison Memoir****by Shahrnush Parsipur**

Iranian novelist writes of her times of imprisonment, first at the hands of the shah and then, from 1981 to 1986, by the Islamic Republic. Describes day-to-day life, the treatment of women prisoners, and the loss of friends who were executed. Translated from Persian. Some violence.

**DB 77584****An Impenetrable Screen of Purest Sky: a Novel****by Dan Beachy-Quick**

English professor Daniel no longer perceives the difference between his reality, the world of literature, and the story he fights to bring forth. Other people's lives are like tales from a book he read as a child, and book pages seem to transport him back to his childhood.

**DB 77772****Behind Our Eyes: a Second Look: the Second Literary Anthology of Stories, Poems and Essays by Writers with Disabilities****edited by Kate Chamberlin**

Anthology of memoirs, stories, poems, and essays by authors with disabilities. In "Banging the Drum Loudly" Peter Altschul describes how he performed with his school's marching band. In "A Prickly Tree" Robert Feinstein recounts his Jewish mother buying him a Christmas tree.

**DB 77901****A Reader's Book of Days: True Tales From the Lives and Works of Writers for Every Day of the Year****by Tom Nissley**

Former Jeopardy! champion and English professor catalogs major events in the lives of authors and their books, organized by date.

**DB 78140**

**That Part Was True: a Novel**

**by Deborah McKinlay**

After wealthy British recluse Eve writes to bestselling American author Jackson, the two become affectionate pen pals. As each offers counsel to the other, they both begin to confront their problems. But when they plan a rendezvous in Paris, timid Eve fears it can never happen. Unrated.

**DB 78498**

**You Should Have Known: a Novel**

**by Jean Hanff Korelitz**

Grace Sachs is devoted to her pediatric oncologist husband, their young son, and the patients she sees in her practice. Grace has authored the book *You Should Have Known*, in which she cautions women against deluding themselves. But then her own delusions are exposed. Unrated.

**DB 78625**

**The Weirdness: a Novel**

**by Jeremy P. Bushnell**

When Satan offers to help struggling writer Billy Ridgeway make the bestseller list, Billy is tempted. In exchange, all Lucifer asks is that Billy find Lucifer's missing lucky cat, Neko of Infinite Equilibrium. Strong language and descriptions of sex.

**DB 78834**

**The Silkworm: a Novel**

**by Robert Galbraith**

When novelist Owen Quine goes missing, his wife calls in private detective Cormoran Strike. As Strike investigates, it becomes clear that there is more to Quine's disappearance than his wife realizes: the novelist had just completed a manuscript featuring poison-pen portraits of almost everyone he knows. Unrated.

**DB 78924**

**Roughneck**

**by Jim Thompson**

Autobiographical vignettes by a master of 1940s and 1950s pulp fiction. The author of *The Killer Inside Me* in *Crime Novels: American Noir of the 1950s* (DB 46412) chronicles his many jobs and near-criminal escapades on the path to becoming an iconic crime novelist. Unrated.

**DB 79209****H.G. Wells: Another Kind of Life****by Michael Sherborne**

Biography of British author (1866-1946) known for War of the Worlds (DB 38464) and The Time Machine (DB 33367). Uses Wells's correspondence to illustrate his socialist views, scientific interests, and belief in free love. Discusses his literary feuds with Henry James and George Orwell.

**DB 79213****The Other Story: a Novel****by Tatiana de Rosnay**

Ten years after discovering a devastating family secret, Nicolas Duhamel is a celebrated author and on vacation at an exclusive hotel in Tuscany. He discovers that secrets cannot stay buried forever and must confront old ghosts.

**DB 79226****Seducing Mr. Knightly: a Novel****by Maya Rodale**

London, 1825. Advice columnist Annabelle Swift is in love with Derek Knightly--the owner-editor of her paper--but he is oblivious. Desperate, Annabelle turns to her readers for suggestions on winning him over, and begins implementing them with some success. Some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 79283****Storyteller: the Authorized Biography of Roald Dahl****by Donald Sturrock**

Biography of writer Roald Dahl (1916-1990), author of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (DB 33498). Chronicles Dahl's English boarding-school education; World War II service that involved aerial combat and espionage; and family tragedies, including his first wife Patricia Neal's stroke and the death of his daughter Olivia.

**DB 79286****Muriel Spark: the Biography****by Martin Stannard**

Examines personal and professional facets of the life of the Scottish writer best known for The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie (DB 69464). Covers the rise of Muriel Spark (1918-2006) from genteel poverty to international celebrity, including her mental-health problems, brief marriage, 1954 conversion to Catholicism, and literary friendships.

**DB 79288**

**Updike**

**by Adam Begley**

Journalist examines the life of John Updike (1932-2009), author of *Couples* (DB 48643) and *Pigeon Feathers and Other Stories* (DB 44879). Details his early childhood in Pennsylvania, his years in suburban Massachusetts, and his family life. Explores the impact of his prolific criticism and journalism as well as his dozens of novels.

**DB 79380**

**Lost for Words: a Novel**

**by Edward St. Aubyn**

The Elysian Prize for Literature is one that authors would die to have. When the judges are impaneled to make this year's decision, writers compete for attention. From accidental submissions to judges' hijinks, the outcome of the award is far from decided. Strong language and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 79387**

**The Extraordinary Life of Rebecca West**

**by Lorna Gibb**

Using West's correspondence, personal papers, media interviews, and conversations with her friends and employees, examines the life of England-born author, journalist, suffragist, and critic Cicely Isabel Fairfield (1892-1983)--otherwise known as Rebecca West. West--whose novels include *The Fountain Overflows* (DB 54605)--had a son with H.G. Wells.

**DB 79458**

**The Truth About the Harry Quebert Affair: a Novel**

**by Joel Dicker**

Marcus Goldman is a young novelist and visits Somerset to see his mentor, Harry Quebert, one of the country's most respected writers, and to find a cure for his writer's block as his publisher's deadline looms. But Marcus's plans are violently upended when Harry is suddenly and sensationally implicated in the cold-case murder of Nola Kellergan.

**DB 79542**

**How to Handle a Heartbreaker: a Novel**

**by Marie Harte**

When romance author Abby Dunn keeps casting hunky Brody Singer as the hero in her books, Brody offers up his body and passion for authentic research. But when their fun turns into something real, they both have to decide their story's ending. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 79569**

**The Mockingbird Next Door: Life with Harper Lee  
by Marja Mills**

Journalist describes becoming friends with author Harper Lee (born 1926), known to her family and friends as Nelle, and her sister Alice and eventually moving in next door to them. Provides insights into Lee's reclusiveness and reluctance about writing another novel after *To Kill a Mockingbird* (DB 36414/77672). Bestseller.

**DB 79636**

**The Man from Essence: Creating a Magazine for Black Women  
by Edward Lewis**

Memoir by publisher Lewis (born 1940) discusses his early years growing up in New York City, coming of age during the Civil Rights era, the turbulent early years of *Essence* after its founding in 1970, and his approach to managing the business until its sale to Time, Inc. in 2005.

**DB 79674**

**Take this Man: a Memoir  
by Brando Skyhorse**

Memoir by the author of *The Madonnas of Echo Park* (DB 71696). Describes being raised as an American Indian by his single mother in Echo Park, California, in the 1970s and 1980s and discovering at the age of twelve or thirteen that he was really Mexican. Strong language.

**DB 79709**

**Dear Committee Members: a Novel  
by Julie Schumacher**

Enduring budget cuts at his small liberal arts college, literature professor Jason Fitger despairs of his writing ambitions and imposed role in a star pupil's would-be opus while writing wryly comic, passive-aggressive letters to students and colleagues. Unrated.

**DB 79725**

**The Literary Churchill: Author, Reader, Actor  
by Jonathan Rose**

Scholar explores the life of Winston Churchill (1874-1965) as a statesman and author. Reveals the profound influence of literature and theater on Churchill's personal story and on the decisions he made throughout his political career. Analyzes key writings and their public reception: Churchill won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1953.

**DB 79736****The Last Magazine: a Novel****by Michael Hastings**

News magazine intern Michael describes his time at The Magazine. He runs story proposals past editors and becomes involved with office politics. When reporter A.E. Peoria uncovers a bombshell of a news story, Michael is in on the action. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence.

**DB 79810****The Crime of Julian Wells: a Novel****by Thomas H. Cook**

When true-crime writer Julian Wells kills himself, his best friend Philip Anders becomes obsessed with finding out why. Philip's first clue is an Argentinian crime, which he believes was the writer's last book idea as well as the beginning of his life's downward spiral. Some violence and some strong language.

**DB 79908****The Life We Bury: a Novel****by Allen Eskens**

A biography assignment has college student Joe Talbert visiting a nursing home to find a subject. He ends up writing about convicted murderer Carl Iverson--now dying after thirty years in prison. Joe, with neighbor Lila's help, sets out to prove Carl's innocence. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 79920****Tennessee Williams: Mad Pilgrimage of the Flesh****by John Lahr**

Biography of Tennessee Williams (1911-1983), the author of *The Glass Menagerie* (DB 45893) and *A Streetcar Named Desire* (DB 46212). Details Williams's personal life and relationships, career as a playwright, and scandals surrounding him--even after his death. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. National Book Award Finalist.

**DB 80010****The Way of All Fish: a Novel****by Martha Grimes**

In this sequel to *Foul Matter* (DB 57107), hit men Candy and Karl return to help writer Cindy Sella, who is struggling with both writer's block and a lawsuit by her unscrupulous former agent, L. Bass Hess. Some strong language.



**DB 80055****You: a Novel****by Caroline Kepnes**

Clerk Joe Goldberg is immediately drawn to aspiring writer Beck when she enters his bookstore. He describes the increasingly dangerous steps he takes to get to know her, and to make her his own. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 80335****Vanessa and her Sister: a Novel****by Priya Parmar**

London, 1905. After the death of their father, the Stephens siblings--Vanessa, Thoby, Virginia, and Adrian--purchase a home in Bloomsbury. There they entertain and develop a close circle of literary and artistic friends. Vanessa and Virginia both fall in love. Unrated.

**DB 80403****Twilight of the Eastern Gods****by Ismail Kadare**

Fictionalized account of the author's experiences at the Gorky Institute of World Literature in Moscow. An Albanian student wakes to an uproar over a Russian author winning the Nobel Prize, and examines the culture around him.

**DB 80467****Saving Grace: a Novel****by Jane Green**

A literary power couple hides behind a carefree public face the painful realities of the husband's raging mood swings and the wife's past secrets until a too-good-to-be-true new assistant enters their lives, with dangerous consequences. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 80637****Bon Appetempt: a Coming-of-Age Story (with Recipes!)****by Amelia Morris**

Food blogger's memoir of significant events in her life and the part played by cooking. Discusses beginning her blog after a chocolate cake disaster on Christmas, and tells of having an essay that was originally rejected by another publication named a best culinary essay on Saveur's food blog awards. Unrated.

**DB 80647****Essays After Eighty****by Donald Hall**

Former United States Poet Laureate and author of *Unpacking the Boxes* (DB 68474), Hall (born 1928) ruminates on the life he has lived, as well as lives of his ancestors. Discusses writing, smoking and drinking, and traveling through post-WWII Europe.

**DB 80837****The Last Dickens: a Novel****by Matthew Pearl**

Boston, 1870. When his assistant is murdered and the final pages of Charles Dickens's last novel disappear, publisher James Osgood sets out to unmask the killer and recover the lost manuscript. His quest takes him to England, where he is embroiled in life-threatening danger. Unrated.

**DB 81131****The Selected Letters of Langston Hughes****edited by Arnold Rampersad**

Collection of letters written by poet and novelist Hughes (1902-1967) between 1921 and his death. Includes letters to his family, luminaries of art and literature including Carl Van Vechten, his long-time editor Blanche Knopf, Richard Wright, Gwendolyn Brooks, and more. Commentary from editors expands on references. Some strong language.

**DB 81150****José Martí: a Revolutionary Life****by Alfred J. López**

Biography of José Martí (1853-1895), a poet, journalist, author, and freedom fighter, who played a seminal role in the independence of Cuba. His influential poetry, prose, and plays, together with the events of his singular, albeit brief, life earned him the appellation the "Apostle"--revered by Cubans of every political persuasion.

**DB 81218****Mightier than the Sword: the Clifton Chronicles****by Jeffrey Archer**

In the aftermath of an IRA bombing, Harry Clifton uses his new literary station to raise awareness for his POW friend while Giles Barrington works to secure a political career and Sebastian's past threatens his engagement. Bestseller.

**DB 81244****Outline****by Rachel Cusk**

A novel in ten conversations between a novelist and the various people she encounters while teaching a creative writing course during one oppressively hot summer in Athens, Greece. She mostly listens, but her responses slowly reveal truths about her.

**DB 81403****The Door: a Novel****by Magda Szabó**

Magda, a writer, describes her post-war rise to prominence. When she and her academic husband hire peasant Emerence to be their housekeeper, Magda becomes transfixed by Emerence's life. Revelation of a secret shocks Magda from her complacency. Some violence.

**DB 81541****Follies of God: Tennessee Williams and the Women of the Fog****by James Grissom**

As a young writer, author Grissom sent a letter to playwright Tennessee Williams, who invited him to New Orleans for a few days. He recorded the playwright's reminiscences and promised to seek out the many actresses who shaped Williams' work to ask them about his legacy. Some strong language.

**DB 81720****Don't Go Home: a Death on Demand Mystery****by Carolyn G. Hart**

Mystery bookstore owner Annie Darling plans a party to celebrate successful southern literary icon--and former Broward's Rock resident--Alex Griffith and his new novel. But after Annie's friend Marian Kenyon gets in a heated argument with Griffith, he turns up dead, and Marian is the suspect. Unrated.

**DB 82010****The Rumor: a Novel****by Elin Hilderbrand**

Summer in Nantucket is the favored time of year for best friends Grace and Madeline. This year, however, novelist Madeline is dealing with writer's block, Grace is transforming her backyard garden with a very attractive landscape architect, and the romance between their children is falling apart. Unrated.

**DB 82023**

**Killing Monica: a Novel**

**by Candace Bushnell**

Monica is the heroine of a string of popular books by author Pandy Wallis. Eager to write something new, Pandy would love to kill off her popular (and more glamorous) alter-ego, but she needs the money Monica earns in order to divorce her cheating husband. Unrated.

## **The Art of Reading**

**To read a book for the first time is to make an acquaintance with a new friend; to read it for a second time is to meet an old one.**

**~Anonymous**

**DB 62678: a Spencer Mystery**

**The Godwulf Manuscript**

**by Robert B. Parker**

A university president hires Boston PI Spenser to recover a fourteenth-century manuscript presumably stolen by a left-wing campus group. Spenser questions the group's secretary, Terry, but when her boyfriend is murdered, Terry's father hires Spenser to prove she's innocent. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language.

**DB 65012**

**The Bookwoman's Last Fling: a Cliff Janeway Novel**

**by John Dunning**

Homicide-detective-turned-bookseller Cliff Janeway travels to the Idaho estate of late horseman Harold Geiger to appraise his library, once the passion of Harold's collector wife, Candice, who died mysteriously long ago. When Cliff discovers valuable volumes missing, he investigates the family's shadowy past--one that may involve murder. Some strong language.

**DB 66059**

**People of the Book: a Novel**

**by Geraldine Brooks**

Australian book conservator Hanna Heath analyzes a Hebrew manuscript created in medieval Spain and saved from destruction in 1990s Sarajevo. Hanna's discoveries--an insect wing, salt crystals, and wine and blood stains--reveal the codex's past and the lives of its guardians. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. Bestseller.

**DB 66597**

**Classics for Pleasure**

**by Michael Dirda**

Pulitzer Prize-winning book critic introduces roughly ninety literary authors and recommends some of his favorite works of fantasy, science fiction, horror, adventure, biography, history, and poetry. Contains essays on writers Ovid, Petronius, Agatha Christie, and Philip K. Dick and on Arthurian romances and H. Rider Haggard's *She*.

**DB 66929**

**Due Considerations: Essays and Criticism**

**by John Updike**

Reviews, speeches, book introductions, columns, and autobiographical pieces by American novelist, literary critic, and longtime contributor to the *New Yorker* John Updike. Provides insights and commentary on contemporary American and English authors, religion, the sexual revolution, and other topics.

**DB 67209**

**The Lost Constitution: a Novel**

**by William Martin**

Learning of the existence of an early, annotated draft of the constitution, rare book expert Peter Fallon and his girlfriend, Evangeline, realize that the annotations identify the Founding Fathers' true intentions for the Bill of Rights with history-changing potential. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 67371**

**Books: a Memoir**

**by Larry McMurtry**

Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Lonesome Dove* (DB 22959) writes about his passion for books--as a reader, author, and bookstore owner. Recounts anecdotes involving amazing people he has met, makes observations about authors he has known, and comments on literary works.

**DB 67925**

**Reading the OED: One Man, One Year, 21,730 Pages**

**by Ammon Shea**

A self-proclaimed collector of words describes his yearlong reading of the *Oxford English Dictionary*. He comments on words that he believes others would like to know about, such as "sympatetic," which is a companion one walks with, and "onomatomania," which means vexation at having difficulty finding the right word.

**DB 67928****Proust and the Squid: the Story and Science of the Reading Brain  
by Maryanne Wolf**

Discusses the evolution of our human brain's capacity to learn to read. Begins with the origins of writing, proceeds to the development of the reading brain and its pathways to acquisition, and ends with questions about potential transformations due to digital technology. Examines reading difficulties of children with dyslexia.

**DB 68074****No One You Know: a Novel  
by Michelle Richmond**

Twenty years ago, Ellie Enderlin's professor Andrew Thorpe exploited the murder of Ellie's math-prodigy sister Lila by writing a true-crime book that claimed the killer was Lila's married lover, Peter McConnell. A chance encounter with Peter now prompts Ellie to delve into the crime, Lila's secrets, and Andrew's motives.

**DB 68298****Disquiet, Please!: More Humor Writing from the New Yorker  
edited by David Remnick and Henry Finder**

Anthology of humorists' viewpoints from longtime favorites James Thurber, S.J. Perelman, and Woody Allen to Steve Martin, David Sedaris, and Jon Stewart. In "Eight Simple Rules for Dating My Ex-Wife," David Owen confronts his divorce.

**DB 68735****Sun, Stone and Shadows: 20 great Mexican Short Stories  
edited by Jorge F. Hernández**

Mexican authors born in the first half of the twentieth century write tales that reveal a panorama of Mexican culture and society--past and present, urban and rural, real and unreal. In "What Became of Pampa Hash?" an impoverished Mexican has a torrid love affair.

**DB 69530****Schemers: a Nameless Detective Novel  
by Bill Pronzini**

The Nameless Detective investigates the case of Gregory Pollexfen, whose valuable mystery books were stolen from his locked San Francisco home library. Meanwhile Nameless's associate Tamara is in love, and his cohort Jake seeks a stalker with no apparent connection to his victims. Some violence and some strong language.

**DB 70443****A Night Out with Robert Burns: the Greatest Poems****arranged by Andrew O'Hagan**

Representative poetry by Scotland's famous poet Robert Burns (1759-1796), selected and introduced by Scottish author Andrew O'Hagan. Organized in four overlapping categories with biographical and textual notes, the selections include the New Year's favorite "Auld Lang Syne."

**DB 70453****Murder is Binding: a Booktown Mystery****by Lorna Barrett**

Stoneham, New Hampshire. Newcomer Tricia Miles, owner of a mystery bookstore located along a corridor of Main Street devoted to specialty bookshops, discovers the body of murdered cookbook dealer and rival merchant Doris Gleason. When Tricia herself becomes a suspect, she sets out to clear her name.

**DB 70510****Bookplate Special: a Booktown Mystery****by Lorna Barrett**

Tired of her freeloading former college roommate Pammy, bookstore owner Tricia kicks Pammy out of her apartment. Soon Tricia learns that her sister Angelica has hired Pammy to work in Angelica's new cafe. When Tricia finds Pammy's corpse in a trash can behind the restaurant, she investigates. Includes recipes.

**DB 70632****Reckless: a Novel****by Amanda Quick**

Lady Phoebe Layton approaches fellow bibliophile Gabriel Banner, the earl of Wylde, for help tracking down a rare book that was stolen from her late suitor. But Gabriel has ulterior motives for helping Phoebe. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language.

**DB 71478****How to Read Literature Like a Professor: a Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines****by Thomas C. Foster**

English professor uses an informal approach to help readers spot multiple layers of meaning in literary works. Discusses themes, motifs, literary models, and narrative devices and illustrates all with examples from many genres. Bestseller.

**DB 71559**

**Driftwood Summer: a Novel**

**by Patti Callahan Henry**

Palmetto Beach, Georgia. Single mom Riley Sheffield sends for her estranged sisters Maisy and Adalee when the family bookstore falls into financial trouble and their mother Kitsy takes ill. The siblings confront the rivalry and other issues that divided them. Some descriptions of sex.

**DB 71669**

**My Paper Chase: True Stories of Vanished Times**

**by Harold Evans**

Autobiography of Sir Harold Evans, the British editor of London's Sunday Times and later president of Random House. Recalls twentieth-century print journalism with anecdotes about the crusades he championed--including cancer detection and compensation for persons injured by thalidomide--while fighting against government strictures on the press.

**DB 71927**

**The Poets Laureate Anthology**

**edited by Elizabeth Hun Schmidt**

Poems by each of the forty-three poets who have been named United States poet laureate since the post, originally called Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress, was established in 1937. Includes individual profiles.

**DB 72106**

**Agatha Christie's Secret Notebooks: Fifty years of Mysteries in the Making**

**by John Curran**

Literary advisor to the bestselling queen of crime's estate describes, excerpts, and discusses the seventy-plus notebooks discovered at Christie's family home after her daughter's 2004 death. Includes notes about Christie's books, alternative plot ideas, and two previously unpublished stories featuring her long-running protagonist Hercule Poirot.

**DB 72209**

**Chapter & Hearse: a Booktown Mystery**

**by Lorna Barrett**

Stoneham, New Hampshire. Bookstore owner Tricia Miles is suspicious when a gas explosion injures her sister Angelica's boyfriend--and kills a fellow bookseller. While Angelica reluctantly goes on tour to promote her new cookbook, Tricia investigates.



**DB 72385**

**The Man who Loved Books Too Much: the True Story of a Thief, a Detective, and a World of Literary Obsession**

**by Allison Hoover Bartlett**

Journalist investigates famed rare-book thief John Gilkey to uncover his motivation for stealing exquisite literature. Retraces the cat-and-mouse game Gilkey played with Ken Sanders, security chair of the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America, in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

**DB 72673**

**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope**

**by William Kamkwamba**

Memoir of Malawi youth William, a school dropout who was inspired by a library book to build the first windmill in his village. Describes growing up on a farm without electricity, surviving famine, recycling scraps into a windmill to generate power, and inspiring others. Alex Award.

**DB 72837**

**The Book of William: How Shakespeare's First Folio Conquered the World**

**by Paul Collins**

English professor and NPR contributor recounts his journeys around the world to trace the fate of Shakespeare's rare extant folios--early compilations published by his business partners, actors John Heminge and Henry Condell--after the bard's death in 1616. Discusses the collection's printing history, auction appearances, and various owners.

**DB 73096**

**How to Woo a Reluctant Lady: a Novel**

**by Sabrina Jeffries**

London, 1825. Gothic novelist Lady Minerva Sharpe must marry or lose her inheritance. Minerva advertises for a husband and is surprised when her childhood crush, barrister Giles Masters, responds. But Minerva doesn't know that Giles is a government spy. Commercial audiobook. Explicit descriptions of sex and some violence.

**DB 73432**

**Cloudy with a Chance of Marriage: a Novel**

**by Kieran Kramer**

Jilly Jones flees an unhappy marriage and opens a bookstore on London's Dreare Street. Unfortunately her new neighbor, naval captain Stephen Arrow, throws loud parties and is determined to flirt with Jilly. But soon they--along with Dreare Street's other residents--face a larger problem. Explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 74048****The Next Always: a Novel****by Nora Roberts**

Clare Brewster, a war widow with three sons, owns a bookstore in Boonsboro, Maryland, where architect Beckett Montgomery and his brothers are restoring the local inn. Clare and Beckett have begun dating when a stalker threatens Clare. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

**DB 74102****Breakdown: a V.I. Warshawski Mystery****by Sara Paretsky**

Chicago. PI Victoria Warshawski searches a cemetery for preteen girls in her cousin Petra's book club, who are reenacting a ritual inspired by popular vampire novels. But Warshawski also finds the corpse of another private investigator. Violence and strong language.

**DB 74184****Love Letters: a Novel****by Katie Fforde**

When the London bookstore where she is employed closes, Laura takes a job organizing a literary festival and makes new friends. She secures reclusive, womanizing Irish author Dermot Flynn to headline the event and gets along famously with him--but also falls in love. Some strong language.

**DB 74225****Copper Beach: a Novel****by Jayne Ann Krentz**

Threatened by a blackmailer, clairvoyant bookseller Abby Radwell goes to reclusive scientist Sam Coppersmith for protection. Meanwhile, Sam needs Abby's help to find an old text containing powerful secrets. Their search unleashes mayhem--and passion. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence.

**DB 74267****The Boyfriend of the Month Club: a Novel****by Maria Geraci**

Irish Cuban Grace O'Bryan and her girlfriends have dated every bachelor in their hometown of Daytona Beach. When the women decide to turn their book club into a boyfriend club that rates each guy according to a literary character, membership skyrockets. Strong language.

**DB 74291****The Book in the Renaissance****by Andrew Pettegree**

Chronicles the first one hundred fifty years of the printed word. Details the origins and evolution of print, culminating in Gutenberg's innovation and its momentous consequences for humankind. Examines the religious, economic, and cultural concerns that influenced the production of books.

**DB 74558****Sanctuary Cove: a Cavanaugh Island Novel****by Rochelle Aler**

Suddenly widowed bookstore owner Deborah Robinson returns with her children to Sanctuary Cove on Cavanaugh Island, South Carolina. She meets Dr. Asa Monroe and they begin to fall in love. But Asa is hiding secrets about his past. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language.

**DB 74685****Overseas: a Novel****by Beatriz Williams**

When twenty-something investment banker Kate Wilson meets hedge-fund billionaire Julian Laurence, she is not prepared for the instant attraction she feels. Then she learns Julian's secret: that he is a famous poet presumably killed ninety years ago in World War I. Strong language and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 74877****The Grey Album: On the Blackness of Blackness****by Kevin Young**

Poet explores the influence of storytelling on literature and music in African-American culture. Examines encoded spirituals in the time of slavery, works of the Harlem Renaissance, and rap and hip-hop of the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries.

**DB 74769****Shadow Season: a Novel****by Tom Piccirilli**

Blinded ex-cop Finn now teaches literature at a private girls' school in upstate New York. As a blizzard strikes the nearly empty campus during the holidays, someone begins assaulting both students and local girls--bringing back Finn's memories of his wife's death. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex.

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**DB 75060**

**The First Love Cookie Club: a Novel**

**by Lori Wilde**

When she is forced to return home to Twilight, Texas, successful children's book author Sarah Collier, who does not believe in love, encounters her high school crush, Travis Walker, who still has the power to make her heart melt. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 75252**

**The Sleeper Wakes: Harlem Renaissance Stories by Women**

**edited by Marcy Knopf**

Twenty-eight stories written in the 1920s and 1930s by fourteen African American women. Most were originally published in magazines and chronicle the struggles of race, gender, and poverty. In the title piece, a woman passes for white until her husband's bigotry breaks her silence. Violence and strong language.

**DB 75335**

**The Prisoner of Heaven: a Novel**

**by Carlos Ruiz Zafon**

Barcelona, 1957. A stranger visits Sempere and Sons bookshop and buys a rare volume. Delving into the man's motives, Daniel Sempere uncovers secrets of Spain's dark past.

**DB 75399**

**Wit and Wisdom From Poor Richard's Almanack**

**by Benjamin Franklin**

Selections from Benjamin Franklin's almanacs, which were published for a quarter-century beginning in 1732 and included agricultural predictions, meteorological data, and maxims. This edition focuses on observations and aphorisms such as "eat to live, not live to eat." Introduction by humorist Dave Barry.

**DB 75435**

**More Baths, Less Talking**

**by Nick Hornby**

Compilation of fifteen previously published pieces by the author of Slam (DB 66402) and Juliet, Naked (DB 69792). Each essay delves into Hornby's thoughts on and reactions to the books he has bought and read during a specific month.

**DB 75527**

**The Broken Teaglass: a Novel**

**by Emily Arsenault**

While working on a new edition of the Samuelson Company dictionary, two young employees discover odd citations from a book called The Broken Teaglass. The book doesn't appear to exist--and the excerpts tell a story involving the Samuelson Company and murder. Some violence and some strong language.

**DB 75599**

**Mr. Penumbra's 24-hour Bookstore: a Novel**

**by Robin Sloan**

While hunting for a new job, Web designer Clay Jannon wanders across Mr. Penumbra's Twenty-Four-Hour Bookstore, which sits next to a strip joint. Hired for the night shift, Clay is soon drawn into a world of mystery, intrigue, and kooky customers.

**DB 75851**

**The First Prophet: a Novel**

**by Kay Hooper**

Sarah Gallagher, who developed psychic powers after awaking from a coma, knows she is being watched. When novelist Tucker Mackenzie shows up to interview her, he has his own agenda--but soon the two are running for their lives. Violence and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 75881**

**The Book of Old Houses: a Novel**

**by Sarah Graves**

Jake Tiptree finds a mysterious book in the basement of her 1823 house that has her name in it and takes it to rare-book expert Horace Robotham for answers. But someone murders Horace, the book vanishes, and a friend of Horace's arrives to investigate.

**DB 76190**

**Bloodhounds: a Novel**

**by Peter Lovesey**

During a meeting of the Bloodhounds, a crime-novel book club, Milo Motion finds a stolen rare stamp in his book. Soon after, another member's corpse is found in Milo's padlocked houseboat. But Milo has an airtight alibi. Inspector Peter Diamond investigates.

**DB 76224****Until the End of Time: a Novel****by Danielle Steel**

In 1975 Bill and Jenny forego lucrative Manhattan jobs and move to Wyoming, where Bill becomes a minister. Then tragedy strikes. In 2013 young Amish woman Lillibet sends a manuscript to publisher Robert--and an unexpected romance commences. Are these two love stories--or one? Some strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 76688****Books to Die For: the World's Greatest Mystery Writers on the World's Greatest Mystery Novels****edited by John Connolly and Declan Burke ; Ellen Clair**

Anthology of 121 essays by noted mystery and crime writers on works in their genre that affected them most. The discussed novels were published between 1841 and 2008. Entries include Deon Meyer on Ed McBain, Deborah Crombie on P.D. James, and Michael Robotham on Peter Høeg. Agatha Award.

**DB 76819****Works Cited: an Alphabetical Odyssey of Mayhem and Misbehavior****by Brandon R. Schrand**

Creative-writing professor tells his life story using fiction and nonfiction books as markers. References S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders* (DB 22433), F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* (DB 16147), and George Orwell's *1984* (DB 34268), among others, as he grows from boy to man. Strong language.

**DB 76839****The Bookman's Tale: a Novel of Obsession****by Charlie Lovett**

Antiquarian book enthusiast Peter Byerly discovers an eighteenth-century study of Shakespeare forgeries that contains a Victorian portrait strongly resembling his late wife, a finding that sparks an obsessive search through the bard's historical period.

**DB 77074****My Poets****by Maureen N. McLane**

In a selection of original poems and experimental prose, McLane explores the life of reading and writing poetry. Invokes influences such as Chaucer and William Carlos Williams.

**DB 77257****How to Read Literature****by Terry Eagleton**

English professor offers instruction on critically assessing literary works. Describes ways to analyze openings, character, narrative, interpretation, and value. Uses examples from novels, poetry, plays, and nursery rhymes to illustrate points.

**DB 77353****Professor Borges: a Course on English Literature****by Jorge Luis Borges**

Compilation of lectures on English literature given by Jorge Luis Borges (1899-1986) in 1966 at the University of Buenos Aires. Topics covered include Beowulf, origins of poetry in England, the Romantic movement, and the Victorian era.

**DB 77423****Deadline Artists--Scandals, Tragedies, and Triumphs: More of America's Greatest Newspaper Columns****edited by John Avlon, Jesse Angelo and Errol Louis**

History-making columns from veteran print journalists. Includes Jack London's eyewitness account of the aftermath of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, Ernie Pyle on the 1944 liberation of Paris, and H.L. Mencken on the 1925 Scopes "Monkey" Trial. Violence and strong language.

**DB 77475****Billy Moon: a Novel****by Douglas Lain**

Middle-aged British dad and bookseller Christopher Robin Milne still struggles to shed the baggage that comes with being the fictionalized pal of Winnie-the-Pooh in his father's beloved children's stories. Then a young French revolutionary invites Christopher to Paris to witness the 1968 student riots. Some violence.

**DB 77735****S.: A Novel****by J.J. Abrams**

A young woman picks up a book left behind by a stranger who wrote in the margins. She adds her own notes, then leaves the book for the first reader. So begins an unlikely conversation that plunges them both into the unknown. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller.

**DB 78138**

**Once in a Lifetime: a Novel**

**by Jill Shalvis**

Aubrey Wellington moves to Lucky Harbor, Washington, to take over her late aunt's bookstore and make amends to those she has hurt in the past. She hires widower Ben McDaniel to renovate and they become close. Unrated.

**DB 78194**

**Death Comes Silently: a Death on Demand Mystery**

**by Carolyn Hart**

Fellow volunteer Gretchen Burkholt substitutes for bookstore-owner Annie Darling at the local charity shop, so Annie can host a book signing. After receiving odd messages from Gretchen about finding something in the jacket of a deceased man, Annie stops by the shop--and discovers that Gretchen has been murdered.

**DB 78306**

**Design for Murder: a Death on Demand Mystery**

**by Carolyn G. Hart**

Bookstore owner and amateur sleuth Annie Laurance is asked to stage a murder for a historical society's antebellum house tour. But when a real corpse turns up, Annie becomes a possible suspect. With fiancé detective Max Darling's help, Annie investigates. Some strong language.

**DB 78325**

**An Unnecessary Woman: a Novel**

**by Rabih Alameddine**

Beirut. Seventy-two-year-old Aaliya spends her days translating books from English and French into Arabic for her private amusement. Divorced, childless, and godless in the eyes of society, she is shunned. She reflects on the literature that has touched her life and helped her survive the Lebanese Civil War.

**DB 78344**

**My Life in Middlemarch: a Novel**

**by Rebecca Mead**

Staff writer for the New Yorker reflects on George Eliot's Middlemarch (DB 20078), which she first read at age seventeen, and its influence on her life. Discusses similarities between her own experiences and those of both Middlemarch's characters and of Eliot. Bestseller.



**DB 78377****Deadline Artists: America's Greatest Newspaper Columns****edited by John Avlon, Jesse Angelo & Errol Louis**

More than 150 newspaper articles and columns published between 1757--an item by Benjamin Franklin in Poor Richard's Almanack--and 2011. Includes pieces by Damon Runyon, Walter Lippmann, Jimmy Breslin, Pete Hamill, Mike Royko, Herb Caen, Erma Bombeck, Molly Ivins, Hunter S. Thompson, William Raspberry, Kathleen Parker, and others.

**DB 78401****The Faraway Nearby****by Rebecca Solnit**

Author presents a series of essays exploring the ways people use storytelling to understand their experiences and those of others. Topics covered include her mother's dementia, a trip to Iceland, and an illness. ALA Notable Book.

**DB 78402****The Accident: a Novel****by Chris Pavone**

An anonymous author delivers a manuscript to literary agent Isabel Reed, who stays up all night reading it--and is horrified. Meanwhile, a covert team--including Kate from The Expats (DB 74483)--will do anything to prevent the book's publication. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 78458****Why I Read: The Serious Pleasure of Books****by Wendy Lesser**

Literary editor and writer examines the myriad reasons for her personal love of literature. Explores aspects of the written word that bring her pleasure in chapters devoted to "Character and Plot," "The Space Between," "Novelty," "Authority," and others. Also considers the sensuous delights of the physical book.

**DB 78461****Careless People: Murder, Mayhem, and the Invention of The Great Gatsby****by Sarah Churchwell**

Examines the New York cultural milieu in 1922, when F. Scott Fitzgerald began plotting The Great Gatsby. Explores the ways the novel reflects Scott and his wife Zelda's glittering Jazz Age lifestyle, colored by the Hall-Mills double murder in New Jersey that was dubbed the crime of the decade.

**DB 78868**

**The Dream of the Great American Novel**

**by Lawrence Buell**

Harvard professor surveys the trajectory of our national fiction against the ideal of the Great American Novel endeavor. Analysis begins with classic works of Hawthorne and Melville and extends through the late twentieth century.

**DB 78978**

**The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry: a Novel**

**by Gabrielle Zevin**

When his most prized possession, a rare volume of poetry by Edgar Allan Poe, is stolen, bookstore owner A.J. Fikry begins isolating himself from his friends, family, and associates. Then he receives a mysterious package that compels him to remake his life. Strong language. Bestseller.

**DB 79132**

**Unsolicited: a Booklover's Mystery**

**by Julie Wallin Kaewert**

Alex Plumtree, owner of London's Plumtree Press, finds himself with a deadly puzzle on his hands when the anonymous author of a promised novel about the smuggling of British children to America during World War II disappears, and a leading critic who reviewed the book as a nonfiction exposé is murdered. Unrated.

**DB 79134: a Booklover's Mystery**

**Unprintable**

**by Julie Kaewert**

As a favor to the Prime Minister, Alex Plumtree agrees to publish one of the most repugnant pieces of fiction in England, and swiftly finds himself on the wrong side of a lawsuit--bugged, betrayed, roughed up, and implicated in murder. Unrated.

**DB 79463**

**Authorisms: Words Wrought by Writers**

**by Paul Dickson**

Collection of words and phrases either created or given new meaning by authors. Describes the first use of the term, its meaning, its creator, and related trivia. For example, the term "frenemy" was first coined by journalist Walter Winchell in 1953 to identify a rival or false friend.

**DB 79544**

**Goodnight June: a Novel**

**by Sarah Jio**

2005. June Andersen discovers she has inherited her great-aunt Ruby's bookstore in Seattle. As June settles the estate, she unearths letters between Ruby and children's author Margaret Wise Brown. Reading the correspondence, June realizes how she needs to change her own life. Some strong language.

**DB 80106**

**Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good: a Novel**

**by Jan Karon**

In retirement, Father Tim searches for something to occupy his time, while wife Cynthia continues with her career as a children's book author. Turning down a chance to run his former parish, he does take over the local bookstore when the owner is in need.

Unrated. Bestseller.

**DB 80335**

**Vanessa and Her Sister: a Novel**

**by Priya Parmar**

London, 1905. After the death of their father, the Stephens siblings--Vanessa, Thoby, Virginia, and Adrian--purchase a home in Bloomsbury. There they entertain and develop a close circle of literary and artistic friends. Vanessa and Virginia both fall in love.

Unrated.

**DB 80337**

**So We Read On: How The Great Gatsby Came to Be and Why it Endures**

**by Maureen Corrigan**

NPR book critic and literature professor Corrigan examines F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* (DB 16147) from literary, sociological, cultural, historical, and personal standpoints. Discusses the Jazz-Age culture that gave rise to the novel and the impact the novel has had on generations of students. Unrated.

**DB 80743**

**The Zhivago Affair: the Kremlin, the CIA, and the Battle Over a Forbidden Book**

**by Peter Finn and Petra Couvée**

Journalist Finn and translator Couvée examine the life and major work of Boris Pasternak (1890-1960), author of *Doctor Zhivago* (DB 75275). Details influences on the novel, writing culture in the Soviet state, how the novel was published, and its use by Western intelligence agencies as Cold War propaganda. Some strong language.

**DB 80749****Lincoln and the Power of the Press: the War for Public Opinion****by Harold Holzer**

Editor of The Lincoln-Douglas Debates (DB 38793) examines the relationship between Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), sixteenth president of the United States, and the press of his day. Discusses the way Lincoln used the powers of the presidency to close down "disloyal" newspapers and restrict access to information.

**DB 80928****When Books Went to War: The Stories That Helped Us Win World War II****by Molly Guptill Manning**

Attorney describes the Victory Book Campaign during World War II, which provided American soldiers with selected literature of note in the face of Nazi censorship and destruction of books. Discusses the impact the program had on the titles chosen and on the publishing industry.

**DB 81017****How to Be a Heroine, or, What I've Learned from Reading Too Much****by Samantha Ellis**

Playwright Samantha Ellis inspects several classic literary ladies, including both characters and writers. Ellis evaluates the role they have played in her life within a tight-knit Iraqi-Jewish community before expanding her scope to examine how timeless characters often serve as guides for how many people live their lives.

**DB 81213****Ten Windows: How Great Poems Transform the World****by Jane Hirshfield**

A collection of ten essays on the power of poetry. Poet Hirshfield looks at poems of varied styles and time periods and uses them to show how reading poetry can transform readers, inviting reflection about their own lives and the wider world.

**DB 81380****The Bookseller: a Novel****by Cynthia Swanson**

Kitty runs a bookstore in 1960s Denver and lives a quiet, single life. At night, however, she experiences vivid dreams of a different life where she marries and has kids, a life that becomes almost more real to her than her own. Some descriptions of sex.

**DB 81454**

**The Last Bookaneer: a Novel**

**by Matthew Pearl**

In 1890, the implementation of an international copyright law is looming, and competing bookaneers Pen Davenport and his nemesis, Belial, travel to Samoa to steal the final manuscript by Robert Louis Stevenson. On arriving, however, they find the environment to be more dangerous than they expected. Unrated.

**DB 81498**

**Once Upon a Kiss: a Novel**

**by Jayne Fresina**

When handsome Darius Wainwright comes to town, the Book Club Belles are charmed and make comparisons to their favorite characters in *Pride and Prejudice*. Justina Penny doesn't understand his appeal, but she soon becomes the object of his romantic intentions. Some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 81759**

**Lovecraft's Monsters**

**edited by Ellen Datlow**

Award-winning editor collects eighteen works celebrating the monsters depicted in H.P. Lovecraft's horror stories. These include the tentacled Cthulhu, the demon Sultan Azathoth, the Deep Ones, and the unspeakably evil Hastur. Includes stories from Neil Gaiman, Kim Newman, Elizabeth Bear, and many others. Unrated.

**DB 81928**

**The Little Paris Bookshop: a Novel**

**by Nina George**

Parisian bookseller Jean Perdu prescribes particular books to cure emotional ills, but he himself is haunted by his lost love, Manon. New neighbor Catherine convinces him to read a letter Manon left behind twenty years ago, setting him on a journey to make peace with his past. Unrated.

**DB 82472**

**Mrs. Sinclair's Suitcase: a Novel**

**by Louise Walters**

Thirty-four-year-old Roberta pines after her boss Philip as she works in the Old and New Bookshop. Then her father brings in her grandmother's suitcase, and Roberta discovers secrets her grandmother has hidden--secrets Roberta cannot ask her about--concerning an encounter with a Polish fighter pilot during World War II. Unrated.